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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]  
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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE INVOCATION WILL BE BY PASTOR RON TAN,  
7   FILIPINO AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD FROM  
8   CARSON. THE PLEDGE BY LESTER WONG, MEMBER OF POST NUMBER. 276,  
9   EAGLE ROCK, THE AMERICAN LEGION FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT.  
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11   **RON TAN:** CAN WE PLEASE ALL STAND? LET'S BOW OUR HEADS AND  
12   REMEMBER THAT WE'RE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD. OUR FATHER IN  
13   HEAVEN, FROM WHOM ALL THINGS COME, AND BY WHOM ALL THINGS ARE  
14   SUSTAINED, WE HUMBLY BOW IN THE AWESOMENESS OF YOUR PRESENCE  
15   WHERE WE RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THAT WE HAVE ALL FALLEN SHORT  
16   AND OUR ABILITIES ARE LIMITED. WITH RISING OIL PRICES AND A  
17   NEAR STAGNATING ECONOMY, LORD, WE NEED YOU NOW, MORE THAN  
18   EVER. EXTEND, OH GOD, YOUR MIGHTY HAND AND GRANT WISDOM,  
19   GUIDANCE AND STRENGTH TO THE CHOSEN SERVANT LEADERS YOU HAVE  
20   PLACED OVER THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE COUNTY IN AMERICA  
21   TODAY, FOR THE MANDATE IS NOT SMALL AND SIGNIFICANCE NOT  
22   INCONSEQUENTIAL. THE FUTURE AND WELL-BEING OF MORE THAN 10  
23   MILLION PEOPLE ARE AT STAKE. WE PRAY FOR GRACE AND MERCY AS  
24   THIS MEETING UNFOLDS BEFORE US. WITH EVERY ITEM, EVERY VOTE  
25   AND EVERY COMMENT, MAY WE BE SO KEENLY AWARE THAT THE



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1 RESPONSIBILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICE EXTENDS BEYOND THE REALM OF  
2 PUBLIC TRUST, FOR YOUR WORD DECLARES THAT EVERY AUTHORITY  
3 ORIGINATES FROM YOU. AND THUS WE ASK FOR DIVINE ENABLEMENT TO  
4 CONFRONT THE MANY CHALLENGES THAT FACE US TODAY, FROM PUBLIC  
5 HEALTH TO INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT, FROM PUBLIC SAFETY TO  
6 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FROM THE NEED TO MAINTAIN AFFORDABLE  
7 HOUSING TO THE NEED TO SUSTAIN OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LORD, THE  
8 ISSUES ARE LARGE AND COMPLEX, BUT WE KNOW THAT WITH YOU  
9 NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. AND, FINALLY, FATHER, MAY YOU GIVE US  
10 STEADFAST AND UNWAVERING FAITH TO KNOW THAT WHERE YOU GUIDE,  
11 YOU WILL ALSO PROVIDE, THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US EVEN  
12 WHEN THE STORMS SEEM TO RAGE. TEACH US, OH GOD, TO BE GOOD  
13 STEWARDS OF YOUR MANY BLESSINGS AND MAY YOU FIND US FAITHFUL,  
14 FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND ALL THE PRAISE, NOW  
15 AND FOREVER, AMEN.

16  
17 **COL. JOSEPH N. SMITH:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR  
18 HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.  
19 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** REVEREND TAN, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU. WE'RE  
22 VERY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE TODAY. AND HE IS THE SENIOR  
23 PASTOR OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH IN  
24 CARSON. HE OVERSEES ALL MINISTRY ACTIVITIES, MANAGES MISSIONS,  
25 APPROPRIATIONS AND TARGETS AND HOLDS SERVICES AND SUNDAY





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1 SCHOOL CLASSES. HE ALSO SERVES AS A VOLUNTEER FOR THE MAYOR  
2 PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF CARSON AND IS THE FOUNDING CHAIRMAN,  
3 PRESIDENT EMERITUS, THE FOR THE JESUS LIGHT OF ALL NATIONS  
4 CHURCH. IN ADDITION HE'S A COLUMNIST FOR THE "PHILIPPINES  
5 TIMES" AND HAS AN EDITORIAL PAGE "FAITH AND REASON." THANK YOU  
6 FOR BEING WITH US TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT SUPERVISOR  
9 KNABE WILL NOT BE WITH US. HIS FATHER PASSED AWAY. WE WOULD  
10 NOW START WITH I BELIEVE IT'S THE THIRD DISTRICT FOR  
11 PRESENTATIONS. OH, WE'LL CALL THE AGENDA.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
14 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE  
15 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND  
16 2-D.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.  
22 ON ITEM NUMBER 11, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED  
24 BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR KNABE'S FATHER IS  
2    VERY ILL. HE HAS NOT PASSED AWAY. HE'S VERY ILL. HE'S NOT  
3    AVAILABLE TO BE WITH US TODAY. ITEM 11.

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5    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 11 WAS REFERRED BACK TO SUPERVISOR  
6    YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE.

7

8    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

9

10   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
13   ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 12 THROUGH 65. ON  
16   ITEM NUMBER 13, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
17   TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 35, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT  
18   THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUBMITTED A REVISED BOARD LETTER  
19   ON THIS ITEM. HOWEVER, THE RECOMMENDATION REMAINS THE SAME. ON  
20   ITEM NUMBER 39, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
21   TO HOLD THIS ITEM, 39.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 13 WAS HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
2 PUBLIC; AND ON ITEM NUMBER 35, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
3 SUBMITTED A REVISED BOARD LETTER, BUT THE RECOMMENDATION  
4 REMAINS THE SAME. AND THEN WE WERE ON ITEM 59. THE CHIEF  
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
6 WEEK TO APRIL 22ND, 2008.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE CONTINUED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 60, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
11 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 62, AS  
12 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
13 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THE SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY AND  
14 THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN BE CONTINUED TO MAY 13TH, 2008.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONTINUED ON THE CORRECTION ACTION PLAN.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 64, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THAT.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING CONSENT ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
24 YOU.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA; SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY;  
2    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, EXCUSE ME,  
5    I'M SORRY. ON ITEM NUMBER. 64, THERE WERE REQUESTS FROM  
6    MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THAT ITEM.

7

8    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RECONSIDER WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 64,  
9    THAT'S RESTORED TO THE CALENDAR.

10

11    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 66 AND  
12    67. I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD ON EACH OF  
13    THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NUMBER 66, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
14    TITLE 6 SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO  
15    THE ADDITION, DELETION, AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN  
16    CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS  
17    DEPARTMENTS, TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF CLASSIFICATION  
18    STUDIES.

19

20    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA;  
21    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 67, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE  
24    AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES CODE RELATING TO



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1 PERSONNEL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT  
2 ASSOCIATION.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA;  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEM 68 WE WILL HOLD THIS  
8 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
9 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE HOUR  
10 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 69- A.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 69-B.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 69-C, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
21 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 69-D.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY MOLINA; WITHOUT  
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 69-E.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY;  
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
8 DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, COULD I JUST ASK FOR  
11 RECONSIDERATION OF 66 AND THAT IT BE HELD?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 66 IS BEFORE US. MOVED  
14 BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH; IT'S RECONSIDERED AND  
15 WILL BE HELD. THAT'S 66. ALL RIGHT. SUPERINTENDENT KNABE LEFT  
16 HIS PRESENTATIONS WITH ME-- DO YOU HAVE HIS PRESENTATIONS? I'D  
17 LIKE TO CALL UP LUCILLE LAFARGA TAKEUCHI. [APPLAUSE.] LU BEGAN  
18 HER LONG AND IMPRESSIVE CAREER WITH THE COUNTY IN 1969 WITH  
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE AT HARVARD GENERAL  
20 HOSPITAL AND IN 1981 SHE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 PERSONNEL AFTER BEING PROMOTED TO PERSONNEL ANALYST. A FEW  
22 YEARS LATER, LU JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND TAX  
23 COLLECTOR DURING THE DEPARTMENT'S MERGER WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
24 OF COLLECTIONS AND BEGAN HER MANAGEMENT CAREER AS A PERSONNEL  
25 OFFICER. IN 1986, SHE WAS THEN APPOINTED THE HEAD OF BUDGET



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1 AND FISCAL SERVICES, MANAGING THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET, FISCAL  
2 AND PROCUREMENT OPERATIONS. IN 1995, LU WAS RECRUITED TO THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO ASSIST IN FORMING THE NEWLY  
4 CREATED DEPARTMENT, AND SOON AFTER SHE BECAME MANAGER OF THE  
5 NEWLY FORMED ORGANIZATIONAL AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.  
6 WHILE HERE, SHE AND HER TEAM CREATED AND COFOUNDED THE AWARD-  
7 WINNING LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEARNING ACADEMY. THIS UNIQUE  
8 PARTNERSHIP FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
9 COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
10 ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS IS DESIGNED TO DELIVER TRAINING AND  
11 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR EMPLOYEES AT ALL LEVELS OF  
12 ORGANIZATION. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I PRESENT  
13 TO YOU, LUCILLE, THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR LONG  
14 SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
15 [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **LUCILLE LAFARGA TAKEUCHI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AND MIKE HENRY FOR THIS  
19 RECOGNITION. I'M VERY LUCKY AND PROUD TO HAVE MY FAMILY WITH  
20 ME. MY MOTHER AND FATHER, ALEX AND FLORENCE LAFARGA, MY  
21 BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW, BOB AND HELEN LAFARGA, AND MY  
22 WONDERFUL HUSBAND, VERY PATIENT HUSBAND DAVID TAKEUCHI. I'VE  
23 BEEN VERY FORTUNATE AND VERY HAPPY TO WORK IN THE COUNTY OF  
24 LOS ANGELES. I'VE HAD FUN IN THE THREE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS  
25 THAT I'VE WORKED FOR, HEALTH SERVICES, TREASURE/TAX, THE



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1 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. IN ADDITION TO HAVING FUN, THIS  
2 JOB HAS REALLY PROVIDED ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO REALLY  
3 MEANINGFUL AND CHALLENGING WORK THAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE  
4 COUNTY, AND I'VE APPRECIATED THAT OPPORTUNITY. THE LOS ANGELES  
5 COUNTY LEARNING ACADEMY'S BEEN AN EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM AND I  
6 REALLY WANT TO THANK DIFFERENT PEOPLE, THE STAFF AND COWORKERS  
7 THAT I'VE WORKED WITH OVER THE YEARS TO HELP SUPPORT ME, THE  
8 EXECUTIVES, THE MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS THAT HAVE SHARED THEIR  
9 EXPERIENCES WITH ME AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND HAVE TAKEN  
10 INTEREST IN MY CAREER PERSONALLY, I APPRECIATE THAT. FROM THE  
11 STANDPOINT OF THE LEARNING ACADEMY, I NEED TO THANK OUR  
12 UNIVERSITY PARTNERS AND SPECIFICALLY THE CAL STATE UNIVERSITY  
13 SYSTEM, ELLEN GLASSMAN, DEAN JOYCE FOIT JAVIER, WHO HAVE MADE  
14 IT HAPPEN AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL. THE MANY MANAGERS IN THE  
15 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT ACTUALLY HELPED DEVELOP AND TEACH  
16 OUR ACADEMY PROGRAMS. AND MIKE HENRY FOR GIVING ME THE  
17 OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM. LAST  
18 BUT NOT LEAST, I HAVE TO THANK THE ORGANIZATIONAL EMPLOYEE  
19 DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR YOUR JUST UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT, YOUR  
20 TALENT AND YOUR CREATIVITY IN MAKING THE LEARNING ACADEMY  
21 HAPPEN. I APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO. AND THEY ARE SUCH A  
22 TALENTED TEAM. AND I KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO  
23 THIS. AND THIS GOES FOR NOT ONLY THE PERSONS THAT ARE  
24 CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE ACADEMY, BUT THOSE WHO HELPED SUPPORT  
25 THE ACADEMY IN THE PAST. AND SPECIFICALLY I'D LIKE TO POINT



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1 OUT THOSE THAT ACTUALLY WERE VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THIS WHO ARE  
2 STILL THERE, BRUCE MCDONALD, DON DINGUS, JIM JOHNSON JAN  
3 MURPHY, ROCHELLE GRIFFIN AND NANCY EISER WHO RETIRED RECENTLY.  
4 ROSIE MALUF HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ACADEMY AND ALL  
5 THE SUPPORT TEAM, D.J. AND MY SECRETARY SHIRLEY. I'VE BEEN  
6 SURROUNDED BY GREAT PEOPLE DURING THIS COUNTY CAREER OF MINE,  
7 AND I'VE MADE SOME GREAT FRIENDS AND I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO  
8 TAKE ALL OF YOU WITH ME AS I JOURNEY INTO THIS NEW RETIREMENT  
9 THAT I'M GOING TO EXPLORE. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
10 FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE SERVING THE COUNTY  
11 AND THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **MICHAEL HENRY:** THANK YOU, LU. WHILE YOU ARE GOING TO RETIRE,  
15 YOU HAVE MADE AN IMPRESSION ON THIS COUNTY. THE L.A. COUNTY  
16 LEARNING ACADEMY, WE GRADUATE ABOUT 13,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES A  
17 YEAR IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS, FROM CLERICAL TO MANAGEMENT. THAT IS  
18 A GREAT PROGRAM. YOU ALSO HAVE BEEN THE LEADER OF OUR  
19 MENTORSHIP PROGRAM AS WELL AS OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. YOU HAVE  
20 DONE A SUPERB JOB AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AGAIN. YOU AND  
21 YOUR FAMILY WHO ARE ALL HERE TODAY, FOR LETTING US HAVE HER  
22 FOR 38 YEARS. WE APPRECIATE IT. AND, LU, HAVE A WONDERFUL  
23 RETIREMENT.

24

25 **LUCILLE LAFARGA TAKEUCHI:** THANK YOU, MICHAEL. [APPLAUSE.]





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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO NOW-- I'M VERY PLEASED TO HAVE

3 HERE WITH ME DEANNE TILTON FROM I.C.A.N. ALONG WITH OUR SAFE

4 SURRENDER TASKFORCE, AS WELL AS SOME SPECIAL GUESTS FROM TIME

5 WARNER CABLE AND AUDIOGIRL PRODUCTIONS TO JOIN ME IN

6 CELEBRATING APRIL AS "SAFE SURRENDER MONTH" IN LOS ANGELES.

7 SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS SPENT SO MUCH EFFORT IN MAKING THIS

8 IMPORTANT AND FOR BRINGING IT TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE PUBLIC.

9 SAFE SURRENDER HAS BEEN REALLY ONE OF HIS PRIMARY CONCERNS AND

10 SOMETHING HE'S WORKED SO HARD FOR. AND IT'S A NATIONAL MODEL

11 FOR PROTECTING NEWBORN INFANTS BORN IN DANGEROUS

12 CIRCUMSTANCES. AND THROUGH OUR OUTREACH ABOUT SAFE SURRENDER

13 PROGRAMS, THE LIVES OF 67 PRECIOUS BABIES HAVE BEEN SAVED HERE

14 IN THE COUNTY ALONE SINCE THE INCEPTION. [APPLAUSE.] AND

15 THAT'S 67 BABIES SINCE 2000. WHAT I'M MOST ENCOURAGED BY NOW

16 IS HOW THIS ISSUE HAS CAPTURED THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC.

17 AND WE'D BE ABLE TO TRANSFORM THE IMAGE FROM AN UNWANTED

18 NEWBORN LEFT TO DIE IN A DUMPSTER TO A HEALTHY BABY BROUGHT TO

19 A FIRE STATION OR EMERGENCY ROOM. THE NUMBER OF SAFE

20 SURRENDERS HAS STEADILY INCREASED EACH YEAR SINCE 2000. AND

21 THE NUMBER OF BABIES FOUND DEAD HAS DECLINED. IN 2007, WE HAD

22 A RECORD HIGH 15 SAFE SURRENDERS. THERE'S NO DOUBT WE HAVE A

23 LOT TO CELEBRATE. BUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, OUR WORK WILL

24 NEVER BE DONE. WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY BABIES ARE OUT THERE

25 THAT ARE BORN IN SECRET TO A PARENT TOO FRIGHTENED TO COME



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1 FORWARD. WE MUST CONTINUE TO PUT FORTH THE MESSAGE THAT THEY  
2 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE RIGHT THING WITH NO RISK OF  
3 BEING FOUND OUT. NO SHAME. NO BLAME. NO NAMES. NOW, I'D LIKE  
4 TO SHARE WITH YOU A VERY SPECIAL PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT  
5 ENTITLED "LIFE." THAT WILL BE RELEASED ON TIME WARNER CABLE  
6 STATIONS IN MAY. CHRIS KING, OF WATERMARK FILMS DEVELOPED  
7 THIS, AND A VERSION OF IT RAN IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY RECENTLY.  
8 HE HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED HIS TIME AND TALENT TO FURTHER OUR  
9 WORTHY CAUSE. IN ADDITION, SYLVIA AMARETO OF AUDIOGIRL  
10 PRODUCTIONS, PROVIDED THE VOICEOVER WORK FOR THIS. SO WITH NO  
11 FURTHER DELAY, I'M PLEASED TO GIVE YOU THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
12 PREMIER OF "LIFE." <VIDEO PLAYS>

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14 **SYLVIA AMARETO:** IT'S NOT ABOUT GUILT. IT'S NOT ABOUT FAULT.  
15 IT'S NOT ABOUT SHAME. IT'S ABOUT LIFE. IN CALIFORNIA, MANY  
16 FIRE STATIONS AND EMERGENCY ROOMS ACT AS SAFE HAVENS. SAFE  
17 HAVENS DON'T BLAME OR SHAME. THEY ARE THERE TO HELP. DON'T  
18 ABANDON YOUR BABY. FIND A SAFE HAVEN, INSTEAD. LEGAL.  
19 ANONYMOUS. SAFE. REMEMBER, IT'S NOT ABOUT GUILT, FAULT, SHAME.  
20 AND IT'S NOT HOPELESS. IT'S ABOUT LIFE. NO SHAME. NO BLAME. NO  
21 NAMES. <VIDEO ENDS> [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'VE GOT 67 REASONS TO KEEP THE WORD OUT  
24 THERE, AND HOPEFULLY OUR MESSAGE WILL CONTINUE TO REACH MORE  
25 AND MORE PEOPLE AND REMIND ANYONE OUT THERE LIVING IN FEAR



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1 THAT THERE IS ANOTHER CHOICE. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PROCLAIM APRIL 2008  
3 AS "SAFE SURRENDER MONTH". [APPLAUSE.] AND FROM I.C.A.N.,  
4 DEANNE TILTON. AND FROM TIME WARNER, JULIAN AGUIRRE.  
5 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. SYLVIA ENRICO FROM AUDIOGIRL  
6 PRODUCTIONS. [APPLAUSE.] EVERYONE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SAY A  
7 WORD.

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9 **DEANNE TILTON DURFEE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. I THINK  
10 IT'S SO APPROPRIATE THAT WE ARE HERE WITH YOU AGAIN DURING  
11 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND ALSO DURING VICTIMS' RIGHTS  
12 WEEK BECAUSE THESE ARE CERTAINLY THE TINIEST, MOST VULNERABLE  
13 VICTIMS. IN THE YEAR 2000, WE REJOICED BECAUSE SB-1368 WAS  
14 PASSED, WHICH WAS THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW. AND WE  
15 CELEBRATED THE FACT THAT THOSE TINY LITTLE BABIES WE FOUND IN  
16 DUMPSTERS ON THE SIDE OF THE FREEWAY AND GUTTERS ON THE LAKE  
17 BED, THOSE TINY LITTLE BABIES WOULD HAVE A CHANCE FOR A LOVING  
18 AND ADOPTIVE HOME. SO IN 2001, THE LAW TOOK EFFECT. AND IN  
19 THAT YEAR, NOT ONE SINGLE INFANT WAS SAFELY SURRENDERED, BUT  
20 14 NEWBORNS WERE ABANDONED. AND OF THOSE 14, ONLY THREE  
21 SURVIVED. ALARMED AND UNABLE TO ACCEPT THIS HORRIBLE REALITY,  
22 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LAUNCHED AN  
23 INITIATIVE UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN THE NATION TO SAVE THE LIVES OF  
24 THESE FRAGILE NEWBORNS. AND IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THIS  
25 INITIATIVE, 10 NEWBORN BABIES WERE SURRENDERED. AND LAST YEAR,



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1 15 NEWBORNS WERE SURRENDERED, A RECORD HIGH. AND IN THE FIRST  
2 THREE MONTHS OF 2008, FIVE BABIES IN THE FIRST 72 HOURS OF  
3 THEIR LIVES WERE SURRENDERED AND NOT ONE BABY WAS ABANDONED  
4 THIS YEAR SO FAR. SO IF WE KEEP UP THIS RECORD, WE WILL  
5 HOPEFULLY HAVE SOME 20 SAFELY SURRENDERED NEWBORNS IN THE YEAR  
6 2008. [APPLAUSE.] THIS IS REALLY SOME OF THE GOOD NEWS THAT WE  
7 SO LONGED FOR IN OUR WORK WITH THE MOST TRAGIC OF SITUATIONS.  
8 I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THERE STILL WERE 58 ABANDONED  
9 NEWBORNS DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME. SO LET'S MAKE SURE THAT  
10 THIS PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT GETS SEEN, THAT WE GET THE  
11 MESSAGE OUT. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS PREGNANT AND SEEMS TO  
12 BE HIDING IT, IF YOU ARE PREGNANT AND ARE AFRAID TO TELL  
13 ANYONE, PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU MAY TAKE YOUR NEWBORN TO A FIRE  
14 STATION, TO A HOSPITAL AND YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO SURRENDER YOUR  
15 NAME. YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO ACCEPT ANY BLAME. YOU WILL MERELY  
16 BE OFFERING THIS BABY A CHANCE FOR A LOVING HOME FOR THE REST  
17 OF HIS OR HER LIFE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WE ALSO WANT TO GIVE  
20 SPECIAL THANKS TO CHRIS KING FROM WATERMARK FILMS WHO COULDN'T  
21 BE WITH US TODAY.

22

23 **JULIAN AGUIRRE:** ON BEHALF OF TIME WARNER CABLE, WE'D LIKE TO  
24 THANK THE BOARD FOR UNDERTAKING THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND WE  
25 THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR INVITING TIME WARNER CABLE FOR THIS



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1 EFFORT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT WE HOPE TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART  
2 OF THE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SYLVIA AMARETO:** AUDIOGIRL PRODUCTIONS IS PROUD TO BE A PART OF  
5 THE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM AND WE THANK SUPERVISOR DON KNABE  
6 FOR ASKING US TO PARTICIPATE. GOD BLESS THE BABIES. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE STEVE FREEMAN WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY  
9 A WORD?

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11 **STEVE FREEMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUST A REMINDER THAT ALL  
12 THE FIRE STATIONS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, REGARDLESS OF  
13 CITY OR JURISDICTION, ARE SAFE SURRENDER SITES AND THE  
14 FIREFIGHTERS ARE THERE IF SOMEONE DESIRES TO SAFELY SURRENDER  
15 A BABY. SO ON BEHALF OF ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE TO  
16 PROTECT AND SAVE LIVES, JUST A REMINDER THAT FIRE STATIONS,  
17 ALONG WITH HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS, ARE SAFE SURRENDER SITES.  
18 AND AGAIN THANKS TO THE CHAIR AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR  
19 SUPPORTING THIS VERY IMPORTANT LIFE SAVING PROGRAM.

20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WERE YOU GOING TO DO  
23 THE OTHER ONE? THANK YOU.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BEFORE I MAKE THE OTHER PRESENTATION, I WANT  
2   TO WELCOME A GROUP OF STUDENTS HERE FROM AUSTRALIA WHO ARE  
3   HERE IN A-- SIX HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISITING THROUGH THE CITY  
4   OF TEMPLE CITY SISTER CITY PROGRAM TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE  
5   FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN  
6   AUSTRALIA THEY HAVE A POPULATION OF 11 PLUS MILLION. L.A.  
7   COUNTY IS ABOUT HALF THAT SIZE. SO IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
8   THEM TO COME HERE AND SEE THAT OUR COUNTY AND OUR STATE IS NOT  
9   LIKE IT'S PORTRAYED ON TELEVISION SITCOMS ALL THE TIME. IN LOS  
10   ANGELES COUNTY, THEY'VE HAD A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT  
11   OUR CULTURAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE COUNTY'S DISNEY CONCERT  
12   HALL, THE TEMPLE CITY SHERIFF'S STATION, THE CRIME LAB. AND A  
13   VERY GOOD FRIEND OF OURS' SON, JASON FUJIOKA, IS SELECTED TO  
14   PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM LAST SUMMER IN AUSTRALIA. SO HE'S  
15   HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE KIND OF A COORDINATOR FOR THESE  
16   STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO LET ME MAKE  
17   THE PROCLAMATIONS TO EACH OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT THIS TIME.  
18   FIRST IS EMILY BAKOWSKI. [APPLAUSE.] JESSICA COULTER.  
19   [APPLAUSE.] KATRINA HOWARD. [APPLAUSE.] NO RELATION TO THE  
20   FORMER PRIME MINISTER? JAMES LANG. [APPLAUSE.] AMY MARES.  
21   [APPLAUSE.] AND MADELEINE THORPE. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23   **MADELEINE THORPE:** HI. WE'RE FROM A LITTLE TOWN CALLED  
24   HAWKESBURY WHICH IS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. WE  
25   CAME OVER HERE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND SO FAR WE'RE HAVING A





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1 REALLY GOOD TIME. AND WE HOPE THE REST IS JUST AS ENJOYABLE.

2 THANKS. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BRING THIS NEXT  
5 DELEGATION UP HERE. FIRST I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE CONSUL  
6 GENERAL FOR GERMANY, CHRISTIAN STOCKS, WHO'S HERE. HE'S BEEN  
7 HERE MANY TIMES BEFORE, AND WE APPRECIATE WORKING WITH HIM THE  
8 VARIOUS EVENTS WE HOST THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AND WE HAVE THE  
9 LEO MAYER, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE DANUBE SWABIAN  
10 ASSOCIATION, ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE HERE,  
11 IF THEY WOULD COME UP. NOW THE DANUBE SWABIANS ARE ETHNIC  
12 GERMANS WHO ARE ORIGINALLY FROM MANY AREAS IN GERMANY WHO  
13 SETTLED IN AREAS THROUGHOUT THE AUSTRIAN HUNGARIAN EMPIRE BACK  
14 IN THE 18TH CENTURY, DURING THE REIGN OF EMPRESS MARIA  
15 THERESA. NOW THESE SETTLEMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED EAST AND WEST  
16 OF THE DANUBE RIVER IN TERRITORIES NOW KNOWN AS HUNGARY,  
17 ROMANIA, CROATIA, SERBIA. AFTER WORLD WAR II, MANY OF THEM  
18 WERE FORCEFULLY RELOCATED LOSING ALL OF THEIR PROPERTY AND  
19 RIGHTS WITH THEIR FORMER HOMELANDS. AS A RESULT, MANY FOUND  
20 THEIR WAY TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA WHERE 156 CLUBS  
21 EXIST TODAY. THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WAS  
22 FOUNDED IN 1958 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ITS MISSION, TO PROMOTE  
23 AND PERPETUATE THE STORY OF THE DANUBE SWABIAN PEOPLE SO THAT  
24 FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN HAVE PRIDE IN THEIR GERMAN HERITAGE AND  
25 PASS IT ON TO THEIR CHILDREN. SO RECOGNIZING SUPERVISOR KNABE



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1 IS NOT HERE TODAY, WE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD LIKE TO  
2 RECOGNIZE THE ASSOCIATION AND COMMEND THEM FOR THEIR 50 YEARS  
3 OF SERVICE AND CAN BE PROUD OF THE SUCCESS AND EQUALLY PROUD  
4 OF THE INSPIRATION THEY HAVE PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY OF  
5 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO LET ME MAKE THIS PRESENTATION.  
6 [APPLAUSE.] SAY A FEW WORDS AND THEN WE'LL TAKE A GROUP  
7 PICTURE.

8

9 **LEO MAYER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WE THANK THE  
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VERY MUCH AND ESPECIALLY MR. DON KNABE  
11 FOR THIS PROCLAMATION AND FOR THE SCROLL THAT WE RECEIVED. WE  
12 ACCEPT IT VERY HUMBLY AND WITH MUCH HONOR. I WAS GOING TO SAY  
13 SOMETHING ABOUT OUR ETHNIC GROUP, BUT MR. ANTONOVICH ALREADY  
14 SAID EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW, SO I'M GOING TO KEEP IT  
15 SHORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CONSUL GENERAL?

18

19 **CHRISTIAN STOCKS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT  
20 DAY FOR THE DONAUSCHWABEN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. BUT AS WELL  
21 FOR ALL THE DIFFERENT CLUBS, VERY MANY OF THEM WHO ARE  
22 ORGANIZED UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE GERMAN AMERICAN  
23 VEREINIGUNG OR VERBAND. THEY HAVE COME TO AMERICA TO FIND A  
24 SAFE HAVEN. THEY HAVE BECOME VERY GOOD AMERICAN CITIZENS. THEY  
25 ENJOY BEING HERE. AND AT THE SAME TIME THEY LIKE TO PRESERVE



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1 AT LEAST PART OF THEIR GERMAN AMERICAN TRADITIONS AND  
2 CULTURES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW IT IS WITH A SAD HEART THAT WE WANT TO  
5 RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO'S RETIRING THIS YEAR,  
6 AND THAT'S THE CHIEF DEPUTY FOR THE LOS ANGELES FIRE  
7 DEPARTMENT, GARY LOCKHART. AND HE'S HERE WITH HIS WIFE ANITA,  
8 AND OUR FIRE CHIEF, MICHAEL FREEMAN, AND DARRELL OSPEY WHO IS  
9 THE NEW CHIEF DEPUTY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. GARY, WE  
10 APPRECIATED HIS GREAT SERVICE AND DEDICATION. AND I CAN  
11 PERSONALLY SPEAK BECAUSE IN OUR AREA, WE TEND TO HAVE MANY OF  
12 THE SERIOUS FIRES AND MANY OF THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS THAT ENGAGE  
13 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND EVERY TIME WE'VE HAD DISASTERS IN THE  
14 ANTELOPE, SANTA CLARITA VALLEYS OR THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS  
15 AND THE PASADENA, LA VERNE, SAN DIMAS AREA, DUARTE, ET CETERA,  
16 GARY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE PROVIDING THE EXPERT LEADERSHIP TO  
17 ENSURE THAT WE WOULD RESTORE ORDER AND SAFETY AND PUT OUT THE  
18 FIRES AS BEST AS WE CAN. AND HE ALSO HAS VISION BECAUSE HE  
19 HELPED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR AIRCRAFT, WHICH WAS SO  
20 SUCCESSFUL IN PUTTING OUT THE VARIOUS FIRES, UNLIKE OUR  
21 NEIGHBORING COUNTIES DOWN IN SAN DIEGO AND ORANGE COUNTY WHERE  
22 THEY DID NOT INVEST IN AERIAL SUPPORT. BECAUSE WHEN WE HAVE  
23 THESE TYPES OF FIRES, YOU NEED GROUND SUPPORT, NUMBER ONE, AND  
24 YOU NEED AIR SUPPORT, AGAIN, NUMBER ONE, BECAUSE THEY WORK IN  
25 CONCERT TO PUT OUT THOSE FIRES TO SAVE LIFE AND PROPERTY. NOW



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1 GARY BEGAN HIS SERVICE AT THE COUNTY BACK IN 1975. AND HE'S  
2 PERFORMED WITH DEDICATION AND DISTINCTION AND POSITIONS OF  
3 INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDING FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST,  
4 FIRE CAPTAIN, BATTALION CHIEF, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, CHIEF  
5 DEPUTY AND HIS EFFORTS, AS I SAID, WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN  
6 IMPLEMENTING THE FIRE HAWK HELICOPTERS THAT WE HAVE TODAY. HE  
7 ESTABLISHED THE NURSES' EDUCATION PROGRAM AND OVERSEEING THE  
8 ANNEXATION OF THE CITIES OF POMONA AND COVINA, AND TO THE FIRE  
9 PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND FORMULATING THE DEPARTMENT'S CAREER  
10 DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES. HIS PROFESSIONAL MANNER HAS EARNED  
11 RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE FIRE  
12 DEPARTMENT AND OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER  
13 JURISDICTIONS WITHIN OUR COUNTY. HIS EXEMPLARY DISPLAY OF  
14 HONOR, LOYALTY AND FINE CHARACTER IS THE EPITOME OF FIRE  
15 DEPARTMENT CORE VALUES OF INTEGRITY, TEAMWORK, CARING,  
16 COURAGE, COMMITMENT AND COMMUNITY. MORE IMPORTANT, HE WAS  
17 VERY, VERY ILL, HAD A SERIOUS ILLNESS A FEW YEARS AGO. BUT HE  
18 DIDN'T TAKE THAT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETIRE. HE GOT BACK,  
19 REHABILITATED TO ASSUME THAT POSITION OF CHIEF DEPUTY AND  
20 PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION THAT IS SO IMPORTANT.  
21 GARY, YOU'RE A GOOD ROLE MODEL. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS  
22 YOU. [APPLAUSE.] YOU'RE NOT ON, GLORIA, YOU'RE NOT ON.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PRESS THE TOP FIRST AND THEN PRESS UNMUTE.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW AM I ON? LET ME JOIN IN CONGRATULATING THE  
2   DEPUTY CHIEF. OUR OFFICE, OUR INTERFACE WITH YOU HAS BEEN  
3   TREMENDOUS, AND . WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND THANK YOU  
4   FOR YOUR SERVICE AND YOUR LEADERSHIP. THE INTERFACE WITH OUR  
5   OFFICE WAS TREMENDOUS. WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK  
6   AND CONTRIBUTIONS THAT YOU MAKE. WE WANT TO WISH YOU A LOT OF  
7   GOOD LUCK. THANK YOU.

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9   **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF  
10  THE BOARD. WE COME HERE TODAY TO JOIN WITH YOU WITH MIXED  
11  FEELINGS. WE HATE TO SEE CHIEF LOCKHART GO. HE HAS BEEN A  
12  VISIONARY LEADER, AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT. HE IS ALSO A  
13  GENUINELY NICE AND CARING INDIVIDUAL. HE HAS REPRESENTED OUR  
14  DEPARTMENT WELL. HE HAS LED US WELL. HE HAS SERVED THE  
15  RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN AN OUTSTANDING FASHION. SO  
16  WE HATE TO SEE YOU GO, GARY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, YOU  
17  CERTAINLY EARNED YOUR RETIREMENT. WE WISH YOU, ANITA AND YOUR  
18  FAMILY A VERY LONG AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT BECAUSE YOU HAVE  
19  SERVED US WELL AND YOU TRULY ARE GENUINELY NICE PEOPLE. SO  
20  BEST WISHES TO YOU, ONE AND ALL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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22  **GARY LOCKHART:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE  
23  KIND WORDS AND THE RECOGNITION. THIS ACTUALLY FEELS A LITTLE  
24  BIT AWKWARD TO ME TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR DOING SOMETHING THAT I  
25  REALLY LOVED FOR SO MANY YEARS. AND I JUST FELT SO PRIVILEGED



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1 TO BE AN L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTER. THANK YOU FOR THE CONSISTENT  
2 SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OVER THE YEARS, FOR OUR DEPARTMENT.  
3 THANK YOU, OF COURSE, TO THE EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP OF OUR  
4 FIRE CHIEF, P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, THE SUPPORTING STAFF, AND MY  
5 FAMILY. I REALLY FEEL BLESSED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WOULD HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATE TO HAVE A  
8 DALMATIAN DOG TO GIVE TO GARY ON HIS RETIREMENT. WE HAVE A  
9 LITTLE TERRIER MIX, A LITTLE FEMALE NAMED DAISY. SO THIS IS  
10 LITTLE DAISY. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHE'S ONLY 16 WEEKS  
11 OLD. YOU CALL 562-728-4644. OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO IS  
12 INTERESTED IN LITTLE DAISY? ANITA LIKES HIM. DO YOU WANT TO  
13 TELL GARY? SO THIS IS LITTLE DAISY. GARY, ARE YOU INTERESTED  
14 IN LITTLE DAISY? SHE'S ONLY 16 WEEKS OLD. PUT A LITTLE FIRE  
15 HYDRANT IN THE BACKYARD, SHE'LL BE READY. [LAUGHTER.]

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I REMEMBER WHEN ONE THOUGHT YOU WERE A FIRE  
18 HYDRANT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH-- SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
21 YOU HAVE NO PRESENTATIONS? THEN I'LL CALL FORWARD DISTRICT  
22 ATTORNEY STEVE COOLEY, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DONNA WILLS, DR. LOIS  
23 LEE, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT AND DEPUTY  
24 D.A., SIMONE SHAY, DEPUTY D.A., SHELLY TORIALBA, AND HEAD  
25 DEPUTY VICTORIA ADAMS, ACCEPTING ON BEHALF OF DEPUTY D.A. MARY





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1 MURPHY. ABSOLUTELY. NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK  
2 COMMEMORATES JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS, JUSTICE FOR ALL. [APPLAUSE.]  
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONTINUES ITS COMMITMENT TO PROTECT  
4 VICTIMS' RIGHTS THROUGH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VICTIM WITNESS  
5 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE D.A.'S OFFICE ALSO SUPPORTS  
6 ORGANIZATIONS THAT AID VICTIMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
7 ANGELES. FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN  
8 COMMITTED TO IMPROVING ADVOCACY, COMPENSATION AND RESTITUTION  
9 FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PROVIDE  
10 THIS SCROLL TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, STEVE  
11 COOLEY, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE  
12 PROGRAM AS WE PROCLAIM APRIL 13TH THROUGH THE 19TH, 2008, AS  
13 CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK. [APPLAUSE.] TO MARY MURPHY. YOU'RE  
14 GOING TO STAND IN FOR MARY MURPHY-- MURRAY. SIMONE SHAY?  
15 SHELLY TORIALBA, AND TELL ME HOW I PRONOUNCE THAT. OKAY.  
16 CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT. DR. LOIS LEE IS GOING TO BE ACCEPTING.  
17 AND GARDEN OF ANGELS. THEY'RE NOT HERE? YOU'LL ACCEPT IT ON  
18 THEIR BEHALF.

19

20 **STEVE COOLEY, D.A.:** WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. TODAY WE COME  
21 TOGETHER DURING NATIONAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK TO PROCLAIM  
22 JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS, JUSTICE FOR ALL, UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY  
23 ONE OF US CAN BE A VICTIM AT ANY POINT IN TIME IN OUR  
24 COMMUNITY. MY STAFF AND I ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO SEEKING  
25 JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS. WE KNOW THAT WHEN JUSTICE IS ACHIEVED FOR



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1 AN INDIVIDUAL VICTIM, JUSTICE IS ACHIEVED FOR SOCIETY AT LARGE  
2 AND WE'RE ALL SAFER AND BETTER. NOW, WE ALSO TAKE THIS  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS "CHILD ABUSE  
4 PREVENTION MONTH." WE'VE ALREADY HAD SOME RECOGNITION OF THAT  
5 UP HERE FOR THE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM. THIS IS ALSO A "SEXUAL  
6 ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH." NOW, WE CAN'T DO THIS JOB ALONE. WE  
7 NEED PARTNERS. WE HAVE PLENTY OF PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY,  
8 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TREMENDOUS NUMBER OF GROUPS  
9 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD OF OUR  
10 VICTIM-WITNESS ADVOCATE PROGRAM. THEY ARE HERE TODAY. I'D LIKE  
11 TO APPLAUD THEM, RECOGNIZE THEM AND THANK THEM FOR THE GOOD  
12 WORK. WHY DON'T YOU STAND UP AND BE RECOGNIZED? [APPLAUSE.]  
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD WORK. WE DO HAVE SOME VERY SELECT  
14 PRESENTATIONS, VERY SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS AND A VERY SPECIAL  
15 PROGRAM. I'D LIKE TO JUST VERY QUICKLY ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. DR.  
16 LOIS LEE, CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT. THIS PROGRAM, FOUNDED BY DR.  
17 LEE AND INSPIRED BY HER, AND IT'S HER VISION, IS DEDICATED TO  
18 ASSISTING CHILDREN FORCED INTO PROSTITUTION ON THE STREETS OF  
19 OUR COUNTY BECAUSE OF THEIR NEED FOR FOOD AND A PLACE TO  
20 SLEEP. THIS PROGRAM HAS RESCUED 10,000 CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL  
21 EXPLOITATION. SO DR. LEE, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU VERY  
22 MUCH FOR YOUR GREAT WORK.

23

24 **LOIS LEE:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

25



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1    **STEVE COOLEY, D.A.:** ALSO TO BE RECOGNIZED IS DEPUTY D.A.  
2    SIMONE SHAY. SIMONE IS VERY COMPASSIONATE, EFFECTIVE, ONE OF  
3    OUR VERTICAL PROSECUTORS. SHE'S FROM THE COMPTON BRANCH. SHE  
4    HAS SHOWN GREAT SKILL AND SENSITIVITY IN PROSECUTING CHILD  
5    ABUSE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES. AND, VERY  
6    IMPORTANTLY, SHE'S HELPED TRAIN OUR ADVOCATES. SO, SIMONE,  
7    THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GOOD WORK. [APPLAUSE.] DEPUTY  
8    D.A. SHERRY TORIALBA, FROM OUR SEX CRIMES DIVISION. SHE'S  
9    ESPECIALLY COMMENDED FOR PROSECUTION EFFORTS INVOLVING RUN WAY  
10    GIRLS WHO ARE USED AS PROSTITUTES BY PIMPS AND OTHERS WHO  
11    WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM. SO, SHELLY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
12    GREAT WORK. [APPLAUSE.] DEPUTY D.A. MARY MURRAY IS NOT HERE.  
13    SHE'S FROM OUR FAMILY VIOLENCE DIVISION. SHE'S ON A LONG,  
14    PLANNED, PREPAID VACATION, BUT VICKI ADAMS, THE HEAD DEP. OF  
15    THAT DIVISION, IS HERE TO ACCEPT HER AWARD. MARY STANDS OUT  
16    FOR HER DAY-TO-DAY WORK BUT PARTICULARLY ONE CASE, WHERE SHE  
17    CONVICTED A FATHER AND MOTHER FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER OF A 21-  
18    MONTH OLD BABY. THE CASE IS BASED ON MAINLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL  
19    EVIDENCE. AND MARY'S TREMENDOUS EXPERIENCE IN FAMILY VIOLENCE  
20    LED HER TO ACHIEVE A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT RESULT. MARY'S TRULY  
21    A CHAMPION FOR CHILD VICTIMS IN THIS COUNTY. SO, VICKI, THANK  
22    YOU FOR BEING HERE. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'D LIKE TO CALL UP KJLH NEWS AND PUBLIC  
25    AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, JACKIE STEVENS, AND DR. FIELDING AND ACCOUNT



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1 EXECUTIVE LORETTA ROBERTS. A 2007 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
2 ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTING DISPARITY BY ETHNIC AND INSURANCE  
3 STATUS REPORTED THAT 35.5 PERCENT OF ADULT AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
4 WOMEN ARE OVERWEIGHT. THE KEY TO CREATING AWARENESS FOR WOMEN  
5 LIVING HEALTHIER AND LONGER LIVES IS PROVIDING ONGOING  
6 EDUCATION. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH, KJLH, 102.2 F.M., OWNED BY  
7 LEGENDARY R&B SINGER, STEVIE WONDER, WILL HOST ITS EIGHTH  
8 ANNUAL WOMEN'S HEALTH FORUM AT L.A. CONVENTION CENTER. THIS  
9 HEALTH FORUM HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS FROM A CROWD OF 200 TO  
10 MORE THAN 2,000, AND IS AN EXTREME SUCCESS. SOME OF THE FOCAL  
11 POINTS OF THE FORUM ARE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS OF OBESITY, THE  
12 LACK OF HEALTHY EATING HABITS, THE LACK OF MODERATE EXERCISE  
13 AND PROBLEMS WITH MANAGED HEALTHCARE. IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF  
14 HEALTH ISSUES WILL BE ADDRESSED, INCLUDING H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AND  
15 DIABETES. IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PROVIDE THIS SCROLL  
16 TO KJLH RADIO IN HONOR OF THEIR EIGHTH ANNUAL'S WOMEN'S HEALTH  
17 FORUM AS WE PROCLAIM APRIL 18TH THROUGH 20TH, 2008. AS KJLH-FM  
18 "WOMEN'S HEALTH FORUM WEEKEND" THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
19 ANGELES, AND ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE  
20 SERVICES OFFERED AT THE WOMEN'S HEALTH FORUM. AND WE HAVE HERE  
21 A VERY DISTINGUISHED LADY HERE WHO WILL ACCEPT THIS ON THEIR  
22 BEHALF. I'M GOING TO ASK JACKIE STEVENS TO SAY A WORD TO US  
23 AND THEN DR. FIELDING WILL SPEAK.  
24



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1 **JACKIE STEVENS:** OKAY. I FIRST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU,  
2 SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND TO THE FULL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR  
3 THE RECOGNITION, AND ALSO TO THE OWNER OF THE RADIO STATION,  
4 MR. STEVIE WONDER, FOR THE REALIZATION OF COMMUNITY NEED AND  
5 THE EFFORTS TO SATISFY THAT NEED. AND WE DO HAVE A PROFOUND  
6 PROBLEM RELATIVE TO HEALTH WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. AND IT'S JUST  
7 A SMALL EFFORT THAT WE MAKE TO TRY TO LOWER THE NUMBER OF  
8 HEALTH AFFLICTIONS. WE DO OFFER FREE SCREENINGS THROUGHOUT OUR  
9 DAY. WE ALSO OFFER A FULL TEEN'S ROOM WHERE EDUCATING TEEN  
10 GIRLS ABOUT SOCIALIZATION AS WELL AS HEALTH. AGAIN, OUR MAJOR  
11 FOCUS THIS YEAR IS DETERRENT CONNECTED TO OBESITY AND  
12 EXCESSIVE WEIGHT. IT'S A MAJOR PROBLEM RELATED TO OTHER HEALTH  
13 AFFLICTIONS. SO AGAIN I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DR. FIELDING?

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17 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I JUST WANT TO ADD MY THANKS TO THE  
18 BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND THE STATION FOR THEIR VERY STRONG  
19 EMPHASIS ON WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES. THERE ARE MANY WOMEN'S  
20 HEALTH ISSUES. WE WILL BE THERE, BUT JUST TO HIGHLIGHT A  
21 COUPLE. AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN HAVE THE HIGHEST RATE OF  
22 SMOKING, WHICH IS ALMOST DOUBLE THAT OF OTHER WOMEN. THE RATE  
23 OF H.I.V. AMONG WOMEN IS HIGHEST IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN.  
24 AND ALL WOMEN HAVE A NUMBER OF HEALTH PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY  
25 THE BROAD ISSUE OF THE EPIDEMIC OF OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY THAT



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1 I MUST ADMIT MEN ALSO SHARE. THE MORE EDUCATION WE CAN  
2 PROVIDE, THE MORE WOMEN CAN BE INVOLVED IN HELPING EACH OTHER,  
3 THE MORE WE HAVE INFORMAL SOCIAL NETWORKS AND THINK ABOUT HOW  
4 WE CAN CHANGE NOT ONLY OUR HABITS, BUT THE ENVIRONMENT THAT  
5 AFFECTS OUR HABITS, THE STRONGER AND HEALTHIER WE WILL BE AS A  
6 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. SEE YOU SATURDAY. I'LL  
9 CHECK TO SEE HOW THE TIME SCHEDULE IS GOING. I'D LIKE TO CALL  
10 FORWARD, STEVE BATZOFREN OF EARTHWISE BAGS AND PATRICIA SMITH  
11 OF EARTH SHARE OF CALIFORNIA. HERE THEY ARE. OVER THE LAST  
12 YEAR, THE BOARD HAS GIVEN SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATION TO  
13 ENVIRONMENTAL, ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC CONCERNS RELATED TO THE  
14 IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF PLASTIC BAGS. THESE ACTIONS HAVE RESULTED  
15 IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SINGLE USE BAG REDUCTION AND  
16 RECYCLING PROGRAM. WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE  
17 ADVOCATES TO PURSUE A PER BAG FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS. REUSABLE  
18 BAGS ARE THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY  
19 ALTERNATIVE TO SINGLE-USE BAGS. THEY HAVE A LIFE SPAN OF TWO  
20 TO THREE YEARS AND CARRYING CAPACITY EQUIVALENT TO 2 TO 4  
21 BAGS. EARTH SHARE CALIFORNIA HAS COORDINATED A NATIONWIDE  
22 NETWORK TO LAUNCH A NATIONAL "REUSABLE BAG DAY" ON APRIL 21ST.  
23 ONE DAY BEFORE EARTH DAY. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT  
24 THIS SCROLL TO EARTHWISE BAGS AND EARTH SHARE CALIFORNIA AS WE





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1 PROCLAIM APRIL 21ST AS NATIONAL "REUSABLE BAG DAY." AND  
2 THERE'S THE BAG, YES. THANK YOU. ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK?

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4 **PATRICIA SMITH:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND THE  
5 OTHER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. EARTH SHARE OF CALIFORNIA IS PART  
6 OF A NATIONAL NETWORK. AND TOGETHER WITH EARTHWISE BAGS, WE  
7 HAVE LAUNCHED A NATIONAL REUSABLE BAG DAY TO BRING ATTENTION  
8 TO OUR USE OF PLASTIC BAGS. WE IN AMERICA USE ROUGHLY 14  
9 BILLION PLASTIC BAGS EACH YEAR. AND IF WE USE REUSABLE BAGS,  
10 THIS IS A MORE COST-EFFECTIVE WAY, AND IT ALSO HELPS IN  
11 SUSTAINING OUR ENVIRONMENT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **STEVE BATZOFREN:** THANK YOU. AND JUST TO ECHO PAT'S WORDS, IT'S  
15 OBVIOUSLY A VERY BUSY MONTH IN APRIL, BUT IT'S ALSO A MONTH TO  
16 FOCUS ON THE ENVIRONMENT. APRIL 21ST IS "REUSABLE BAG DAY"  
17 FOLLOWED UP ONE DAY LATER BY EARTH DAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
18 YOU CAN GO TO REUSABLE BAG DAY.ORG AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE  
19 EFFECTS OF PLASTIC BAGS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND WHAT REUSABLE  
20 BAGS CAN DO TO HELP THAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I CAN'T BELIEVE  
21 IT'S A YEAR SINCE WE WERE LAST HERE. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE.  
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? NUMBER 64 YOU MIGHT WANT TO CALL UP.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO MAKE MY ADJOURNMENTS FIRST. FIRST  
2    I'D LIKE TO MOVE WE MOVE IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING: SAUL  
3    "BUDDY" GOLDBERG WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 10TH AT THE AGE OF  
4    79. HE HAD BEEN THE OFFICE MANAGER FOR MY FATHER'S AND  
5    BROTHER'S COMPANY FOR OVER 44 YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
6    BROTHER TED AND NEPHEWS MICHAEL AND TERRY SILVERMAN. BUDDY WAS  
7    PART OF OUR FAMILY, AS WERE AS IS HIS BROTHER AND HIS MOTHER  
8    AND FATHER WERE VERY, VERY CLOSE TO OUR FAMILY. THE LEADERS IN  
9    THE COUNTY AND STATE, LEO ANTHONY MAJICH, PASSED AWAY AT THE  
10    AGE OF 82. GRADUATE OF LOYOLA UNIVERSITY. BETWEEN 1951 AND  
11    '71, HE WAS TREASURER OF THE VIDO ARTUKOVICH CONSTRUCTION  
12    COMPANY AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
13    CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS IN 1966 THROUGH  
14    '77, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OPERATING  
15    ENGINEERS' TRUST FUND IN '60 TO '71. AND THEN HE WAS INVOLVED  
16    IN INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE OPERATING ENGINEERS. HE WAS ALSO  
17    INVOLVED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
18    COMMITTEE. AND HE WAS APPOINTED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II TO THE  
19    ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, WHICH WAS THE  
20    HIGHEST HONOR GIVEN TO A LAYPERSON IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
21    CHURCH. HE WAS ALSO THE FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE CROATIAN  
22    AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, EVA, AND HIS  
23    CHILDREN THERESA, ANTHONY, TOM, PAUL AND EVIE, AND MANY  
24    GRANDCHILDREN. A VERY GOOD FRIEND, A VERY WONDERFUL LADY, HAS  
25    BEEN BEFORE OUR BOARD MANY TIMES BOTH HERE AND AT THE



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1 METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY, NADIA POWERS, PASSED AWAY  
2 YESTERDAY. SHE HAD SERVED ON THE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT  
3 BOARD, COMMISSION ON AGING, COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES. I KNOW  
4 SUPERVISOR MOLINA APPOINTED HER TO A COMMISSION. I APPOINTED  
5 HER TO A COMMISSION. AND SOME OTHER MEMBERS HAVE APPOINTED HER  
6 TO A COMMISSION. NADIA WAS VISUALLY IMPAIRED. A WONDERFUL  
7 LADY. HER CHILDREN WERE EDUCATED BY MY AUNT IN SCHOOL, SISTER  
8 ST. GEORGE. SHE HAD CANCER. SHE RECOVERED, AND CONTINUED  
9 PARTICIPATING. VERY ACTIVE IN ACCESS SERVICE FOR THE DISABLED,  
10 THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED. AND JUST A WONDERFUL, SWEET LADY AND  
11 SHE LEAVES HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN. KENNETH MCDONALD PASSED  
12 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84 ON APRIL 4TH, GOOD FRIEND, GOOD  
13 SUPPORTER. HE WAS THE CO-OWNER OF SANTA FE ENGINEERS  
14 INCORPORATED., ACTIVE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, ALSO WAS THE  
15 DIRECTOR OF THE SWEDISH SHIPPING LINES AND QUITE INVOLVED IN  
16 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES, FORMER MARINE. HE  
17 SERVED IN THE MARINE CORPS FOR FOUR YEARS. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE  
18 BECKY AND HIS CHILDREN, LILA AND KIM MCDONALD. DAISY POLICH  
19 STONEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE SPENT HER ENTIRE  
20 CAREER AS AN EDUCATOR IN THE GLENDALE SCHOOL SYSTEM. UPON HER  
21 RETIREMENT, SHE WAS A PARTICIPANT AT THE WHITE HOUSE  
22 CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE GLENDALE BRANCH  
23 OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, A LONG TIME  
24 MEMBER AND ACTIVE IN THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF  
25 GLENDALE. JOHN ERNST, HE WAS RETIRED WITH 30 YEARS WITH THE



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1 LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, A FORMER MARINE WHO  
2 PARTICIPATED IN THE GUADALCANAL IN THE PHILIPPINES DURING  
3 WORLD WAR II. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FLORINE, AND HIS  
4 CHILDREN, JENNIFER, JOHN AND GRANDSON JOHNNY. LEONARD WEIL,  
5 WHO WAS A PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF THE MITSUI MANUFACTURERS'  
6 BANK, WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE BRAILLE  
7 INSTITUTE, CAPITAL RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT, AND THE BOARD OF  
8 REGENTS FOR LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY. PASSED AWAY ON APRIL  
9 7TH. CONSUELO RAMIREZ, ACTIVE IN ST. LUCY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN  
10 CAMPBELL, WAS INVOLVED WITH HER COMMUNITY. SHE PASSED AWAY AT  
11 THE AGE OF 91. LUBE PRSKALO WAS RETIRED PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
12 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR 36 YEARS.  
13 SHE WAS LAST ASSIGNED TO THE NARCOTICS BUREAU OF THE SHERIFF'S  
14 DEPARTMENT. ONE OF OUR YOUNG EMPLOYEES WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
15 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, EMELINE TEO, PASSED AWAY ON APRIL  
16 7TH AT THE AGE OF 26. SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE BUREAU OF  
17 COMPLIANCE WHERE SHE HAD BEEN SERVING FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.  
18 AND THEN ANOTHER RETIRED DEPUTY, DOYLE WHIPPLE PASSED AWAY ON  
19 APRIL 7TH. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE COURT SERVICE BUREAU, AND HE  
20 HAD SERVED 26 YEARS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO THOSE  
21 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. AND I JUST HAVE ONE MOTION FOR NEXT  
22 WEEK'S AGENDA. AND THEN I'LL CALL UP ITEM 64. ON FEBRUARY  
23 14TH, I HAD CONVENED A CHILD WELFARE DENTAL SUMMIT WHERE  
24 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND LEADERS COUNTY-WIDE CAME  
25 TOGETHER TO BRAINSTORM SOLUTIONS TO THE TREMENDOUS NEED THAT



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1 CHILDREN HAVE FOR DENTAL CARE. POOR ORAL HEALTH IS THE MOST  
2 COMMON CHRONIC CHILDHOOD DISEASE. SEVERE DENTAL NEGLECT IN  
3 CHILDREN HAS EVEN LED TO DEATH, MANY WHICH HAVE ALSO HAD  
4 SERIOUS ILLNESS. FORTUNATELY, MOST DENTAL PROBLEMS CAN BE  
5 EASILY DIAGNOSED AND TREATED. WE CURRENTLY HAVE MEDICAL HUBS  
6 COUNTY-WIDE WHERE CHILDREN SUSPECTED OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT  
7 RECEIVE BOTH MEDICAL SCREENINGS AND EXAMINATIONS. WHILE HUB  
8 PHYSICIANS ALSO PERFORM DENTAL SCREENINGS, THEY REFER THOSE  
9 CHILDREN THEY DEEM IN NEED OF FULL DENTAL EXAMINATIONS TO  
10 COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE OF THOSE HUBS. THIS PROCEDURE MAY  
11 CULMINATE IN INCONSISTENT DENTAL EXAMINATION RESULTS AND  
12 CONSEQUENTIAL DENTAL TREATMENT. SEVERE DENTAL NEGLECT  
13 CONSTITUTES ANOTHER FORM OF CHILD ABUSE. THEREFORE, IT IS  
14 ESSENTIAL TO MAKE DENTAL EXAMINATIONS BY QUALIFIED DENTISTS  
15 AVAILABLE IN THE MEDICAL HUBS. FORTUNATELY, THE SUMMIT  
16 REVEALED READILY AVAILABLE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES THAT,  
17 THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COUNTY, CARRY THE POTENTIAL OF  
18 MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF DENTAL EXAMINATIONS THROUGH MEDICAL  
19 HUBS COST-NEUTRAL TO THE COUNTY. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
20 DIRECT THE C.E.O., IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO  
22 REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER ON THE  
23 FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING DENTAL EXAMINATIONS AS PART OF THE  
24 MEDICAL HUB SCREENINGS AND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES BY DEVELOPING  
25 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COUNTY THAT ENSURES



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1 DENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR CHILDREN INVOLVED IN CHILD WELFARE  
2 SYSTEMS REMAIN COST NEUTRAL TO THE COUNTY. TWO, DETERMINING  
3 THE AVAILABILITY OF SPACE AT EACH MEDICAL HUB TO CONDUCT  
4 DENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND THE EQUIPMENT, STAFFING AND OTHER  
5 RESOURCES THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY THROUGH THE  
6 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS. AND, THREE, DEVELOPING AN  
7 EFFECTIVE DENTAL SERVICES NETWORK AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR  
8 FOLLOW UP DENTAL CARE FOLLOWING A CHILD'S SCREENING AND  
9 EXAMINATION AT EACH OF THE MEDICAL HUBS. SO THAT WOULD BE FOR  
10 NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NEXT WEEK.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN ITEM 64. YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
15 SIGNED UP FOR THAT.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
18 REQUESTED TO SPEAK. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE-- I WILL CALL EVERYONE  
19 UP. WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK, I'M GOING  
20 TO ASK THAT EVERYONE LIMIT THEIR SPEAKING TO ONE MINUTE. AND  
21 IF IT HAS TO BE TRANSLATED, IT WILL BE TWO MINUTES. WILL LOUIS  
22 HERRERA, JANICE GOLDEN AND ARNOLD SACHS. SERGIO REYES. JUAN  
23 GOMEZ, JESUS GOMEZ, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? LOUIS  
24 HERRERA, IF YOU'RE HERE ALSO, YOU SHOULD COME FORWARD.





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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU HAVE TO COME UP TO THE FRONT.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE COME FORWARD. DO YOU REQUIRE  
4    TRANSLATORS? NO. ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU PLEASE HAVE A SEAT? AND  
5    STATE YOUR NAME.

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7    **LOUIS HERRERA:** ME?

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9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. YOU CAN START.

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11    **LOUIS HERRERA:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR HEARING US,  
12    HEARING OUR CONCERNS. MY NAME IS LOUIS HERRERA. I'M THE  
13    PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER EAST LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.  
14    I'M HERE REPRESENTING MANY SMALL RESTAURANTS. WE, THE CHAMBER  
15    OF COMMERCE AND THE WHITTIER BOULEVARD MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION,  
16    HAVE RECEIVED MANY COMPLAINTS OF RESTAURANT OWNERS THAT IS  
17    VERY HARD TO DO BUSINESS AFTER 6 O'CLOCK, BECAUSE MAINLY  
18    CATERING TRUCKS PARK THEIR TRUCKS VERY NEAR THE RESTAURANTS.  
19    SO AFTER 6:00, MANY RESTAURANTS ARE FORCED TO CLOSE THEIR  
20    DOORS BECAUSE THEY CANNOT COMPETE WITH A CATERING TRUCK  
21    PRICES. IT'S NOT FAIR COMPETITION. IT'S NOT FAIR. RESTAURANTS  
22    HAVE FIVE OR SIX EMPLOYEES WHO PAY EMPLOYEES' TAXES.  
23    RESTAURANTS PAY SALES TAXES ON SOLD SALES. RESTAURANTS MUST  
24    REPORT WHERE THEY PURCHASE THE FOOD. RESTAURANT OWNERS REPORT  
25    INCOME THAT THEY MAKE TO THE I.R.S. MOST CATERING TRUCK OWNERS



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1 DO NOT. MOST RESTAURANT OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES LIVE IN THE  
2 NEIGHBORHOOD. MOST CATERING TRUCK PEOPLE DO NOT. THE CITY OF  
3 BELL, ALHAMBRA, PASADENA, GLENDALE AND MANY OTHER CITIES DO  
4 NOT HAVE CATERING TRUCKS. THEY HAVE MANY CHAIN RESTAURANTS AND  
5 ARE OPEN NORMAL HOURS, UNTIL 10, 11 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT. AND THEY  
6 MAKE MONEY. WHY CAN'T WE HAVE THIS IN EAST LOS ANGELES?  
7 CATERING TRUCKS WERE NEEDED AND EFFECTIVE FOR WHAT THEY WERE  
8 INTENDED TO BE USED, AT CONSTRUCTION SITES AND OCCASIONS WHERE  
9 THERE WERE NO STORES OR RESTAURANTS NEAR. RESTAURANTS ARE  
10 REQUIRED TO BE EXTRA CLEAN TO PASS MANY TESTS TO GET THE  
11 SPECIAL A, B OR C RATING. CATERING TRUCKS ARE NOT GRADED LIKE  
12 RESTAURANTS. IT'S NOT FAIR COMPETITION. RESTAURANTS ARE  
13 REQUIRED TO PAY HIGH RENT, PAY TAXES, WORKERS' COMP, WORKERS'  
14 INSURANCE. FIRE DEPARTMENT PERMITS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERMITS.  
15 BUSINESS PERMITS. AND MANY OTHER PERMITS. JUST TO GET STARTED.  
16 CATERING TRUCKS ARE NOT. THEY DON'T HAVE MOST OF THOSE  
17 REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS A BIG REASON WHY SOME BIG CHAIN  
18 RESTAURANTS LIKE SIZZLER, BENNY'S, I.H.O.P., THEY WILL NOT  
19 COME TO EAST LOS ANGELES. WE DON'T HAVE ANY AT ALL, BECAUSE  
20 THEY CANNOT COMPETE FAIRLY. WE CALLED THE STATE BOARD OF  
21 EQUALIZATION, JOHN CHINE AND RAY CORDOVA, TO HELP, TO FIND OUT  
22 HOW WE CAN GET A LOT OF THESE BUSINESSES THAT ARE NOT PAYING  
23 TAXES, AND THEY CAME IN AND TARGET WITH CATERING TRUCKS ABOUT  
24 TWO YEARS AGO. THE MEN WORKING FOR THE STATE BOARD OF  
25 EQUALIZATION QUIT ON THE SECOND DAY BECAUSE OF FEAR, BECAUSE



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1 OF THE THREATS, BECAUSE THEY FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES. THEY SAID  
2 THEY COULD NOT DO IT ANYMORE. THAT GOES ON ALSO TO MANY FEAR.  
3 MANY OF THE RESTAURANT OWNERS DID NOT COME HERE TODAY BECAUSE  
4 THEY FEAR. THEY FEAR THAT IF A LOT OF THESE TRUCK OWNERS KNOW,  
5 THEY'RE GOING TO BE THREATENED AND HARASSED. SEVERAL OF THEM  
6 WERE DONE. I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE THE NAMES OF THESE. IF YOU  
7 WANT THE LIST, I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU, BECAUSE WE KNOW THERE  
8 WERE MANY OF THEM.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I GAVE YOU A LITTLE LONGER BECAUSE YOU  
11 REPRESENT A GROUP, AN ORGANIZATION. BUT IF YOU COULD CONCLUDE.

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13 **LOUIS HERRERA:** I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE TO SAY THANK YOU TO MY  
14 GREAT SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, FOR LISTENING TO US WHEN WE  
15 CALLED ON HER. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUTO  
16 DEALERS' ASSOCIATION. WE HAD A PROBLEM, WE WERE NOT SELLING  
17 VEHICLES. WE CAME TO OUR SUPERVISOR. SHE'S HELPING US. SHE'S  
18 BRINGING A LOT OF THESE NEEDED HELP THAT WE NEEDED. THANK YOU  
19 VERY MUCH, GLORIA. CATERING TRUCK ASSOCIATIONS ARE VERY  
20 STRONG.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO CONCLUDE.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** FINISH UP, SO THAT WAY OTHER PEOPLE CAN TESTIFY.

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1   **LOUIS HERRERA:** THE TRADE TRUCK ASSOCIATION ARE VERY STRONG AND  
2   THEY HAVE VERY GOOD LAWYER. PLEASE DO NOT USE THAT POWER TO  
3   THREATEN OR HARASS THE RESTAURANT OWNERS. MANY OF THEM, THEY  
4   CAME HERE TODAY. A LOT OF THE PEOPLE HERE WERE HARASSED AND  
5   THREATENED BY WEAPONS. I DON'T THINK THAT SHOULD BE DONE  
6   NOWADAYS. EAST LOS ANGELES IS A GREAT AREA.

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO CONCLUDE.  
9   YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11   **LOUIS HERRERA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] NOW, WOULD YOU  
14   PLEASE STEP FORWARD, STATE YOUR NAME.

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16   **JUAN GOMEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JUAN GOMEZ. JUAN GOMEZ.  
17   I'M HERE TODAY FRONT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I OPPOSE  
18   THIS ORDINANCE. I'D FIRST LIKE TO SAY THIS ORDINANCE IS  
19   TARGETING SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY'S HARDEST WORKING FAMILIES.  
20   THIS ORDINANCE, IF IT WERE TO GO INTO EFFECT OR TO ENFORCE  
21   THIS ORDINANCE, IT WOULD PUT THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES OUT OF  
22   WORK, FAMILIES THAT MIGHT HAVE TO OTHERWISE RESORT TO WELFARE  
23   OR JUST HAVING TROUBLE TO FIND WORK ELSEWHERE. THESE HARD  
24   WORKING PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE DAY AFTER DAY WORKING HARD FROM  
25   THE BREAK OF DAWN TO EVENING. THEY ARE CONTRIBUTING TO OUR



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1 ECONOMY GROWTH. AND THEY'RE NOT CONTRIBUTING TO CRIME LEVELS  
2 OR VANDALISMS OR \_\_\_\_\_. I ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
3 IF THE PROBLEM OF OUR CATERING TRUCKS IS THAT WE ARE HARMING  
4 RESTAURANTS, LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO FIND A COMMON SOLUTION.  
5 NOT TO SHUT THEM DOWN. THESE RESTAURANT ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE  
6 THE RIGHT JUST LIKE CATERING TRUCKS. MAYBE WE COULD FIND A  
7 SOLUTION LIKE GETTING A DISTANCE THAT THESE CATERING TRUCKS  
8 SHOULD PARK AWAY FROM THE RESTAURANTS, GIVING THEM THEIR  
9 SPACE, 100, 200 METERS OR SO. AND BY DOING SO, WE'LL HAVE LESS  
10 TRAFFIC CONGESTION, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, LESS POLLUTION. AND  
11 WE'LL AVOID MORE TRAFFIC. AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE  
12 DOZENS OF FAMILIES EMPLOYED AND KEEP OUR ECONOMY MOVING  
13 FORWARD. LASTLY I SAY --

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **JUAN GOMEZ:** LET ME JUST ONE MORE LAST COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO  
18 READ THE LETTERS INSCRIBED UP AT THE WALL. THIS COUNTRY IS  
19 FOUNDED ON FREE ENTERPRISE. CHERISH AND HELP PRESERVE IT.  
20 THAT'S ALL WE ASK. THANK YOU. GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. AND WE'D  
23 LIKE TO ASK RAMON FLORES, JOSE GONZALEZ TO STEP FORWARD.  
24 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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1    **SERGIO REYES:** MY NAME IS SERGIO REYES.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RAMON FLORES AND JOSE GONZALEZ, PLEASE COME  
4    FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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6    **SERGIO REYES:** MY NAME IS SERGIO REYES, GOOD MORNING. GOOD  
7    MORNING. I'M HERE BECAUSE OF THE LAW YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO  
8    PASS. THIS IS MY LIVELIHOOD. THIS IS HOW I SUPPORT MY FAMILY.  
9    MY WIFE AND I WORK TOGETHER. IF THEY SAY WE DON'T PAY TAX, WE  
10   DO PAY TAX. WE DO PAY LICENSE FOR THE COUNTY FOR HEALTH  
11   DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE OUR BUSINESS LICENSE. WE PAY FOR IT. WE  
12   PAY EVERY THREE MONTHS. HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS THERE TO CHECK  
13   THE TRUCKS EVERY SO OFTEN. THEY ARE THERE ALL THE TIME AT THE  
14   COMMISSARY CHECKING THE TRUCKS, FOR THE COOLERS, FOR  
15   EVERYTHING, THEY'RE THERE TO CHECK THE TRUCKS. SO THE  
16   RESTAURANT PEOPLE, THEY'RE NOT HERE. THEY SEND SOMEBODY,  
17   THEY'RE NOT HERE. SO I GUESS THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED IN THAT.  
18   IF YOU GUYS TAKE OUR LIVELIHOOD AWAY, I GUESS WE'RE GOING TO  
19   HAVE TO BE, MY FAMILY AND I, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO HAVE TO ADOPT  
20   US LIKE THE DOG WE'RE ADOPTING RIGHT NOW. IF THEY TREAT A DOG  
21   LIKE THAT, I DON'T THINK A HUMAN BEING SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE  
22   THAT, EITHER. THANK YOU.

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24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AN THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] MAY I EXPLAIN  
25   SOMETHING? WE CANNOT HAVE APPLAUSE. PART OF OUR PROCEEDINGS,





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1 WE DO NOT HAVE APPLAUSE. IF YOU WANT TO APPLAUD SOMEONE, YOU  
2 CAN PUT YOUR ARMS UP AFTER THERE QUIETLY BUT WE CANNOT HAVE  
3 APPLAUSE.

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5 **JESUS GOMEZ:** MY NAME IS JESUS GOMEZ I'M HERE SUPPORTING THE  
6 CATERING TRUCKS. JUST YESTERDAY THE MAYOR SAID THERE WERE  
7 GOING TO BE 700 TO 800 UNEMPLOYMENT FROM THE CITY WORKERS.  
8 THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO ALL THE UNEMPLOYMENT THAT WILL  
9 AFFECT THE CATERING PEOPLE. ALL CATERING TRUCKS PAY HEALTH  
10 PERMITS, \$700 A YEAR. THAT'S LIKE \$9.8 MILLION THAT COMES FOR  
11 THE CITY, BUSINESS LICENSE. THEY ARE ALL INSPECTED REGULARLY.  
12 THEY ARE STORED AT A COMMISSARY. THOSE WHO SAY THAT WE DON'T  
13 PAY TAXES, WHAT ARE THEY BASING THAT ON? HOW DO YOU THINK KING  
14 TACO AND ALL THESE PEOPLE STARTED THEIR BUSINESS? CARL'S JR.  
15 IT STARTED ON A HOT DOG CART WHEN HE BEGAN AND LOOK AT THEM  
16 NOW. YOU HAVE TO START FROM THE BOTTOM ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP.  
17 WE WANT TO WORK. LAST TIME I CHECKED, WE WERE IN A DEMOCRATIC  
18 SOCIETY, IN WHICH WE COULD SELL WHAT WE WANT, TO WHO WE WANT,  
19 AND WHERE WE WANT IT. IF PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE OUR FOOD, THEY  
20 WOULD STOP BUYING FROM US AND WE WOULD GO OUT OF BUSINESS. BUT  
21 THE REASON WE ARE STILL IN BUSINESS IS BECAUSE PEOPLE WANT OUR  
22 FOOD. IN KOREATOWN, THERE'S NO CATERING TRUCKS. THEY SELL  
23 TACOS BECAUSE THEY ONLY WANT KOREA TACOS. IN EAST L.A., PEOPLE  
24 ARE HISPANICS AND THEY WANT TACOS. THEY GO TO OUR BUSINESS  
25 BECAUSE THEY WANT US THERE. NOW IN REGARDS TO THE MOVING EVERY



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1 HALF HOUR, FIRST OF ALL, WHO IS GOING TO ENFORCE THIS? THE  
2 POLICE DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.  
3 NOW ARE THEY GOING TO BE CHECKING EVERY SINGLE TRUCK TO BE  
4 MOVING AT EVERY HALF AN HOUR? SO WHEN YOU GET THERE AT 10:00,  
5 10:01 OR 10:02, HOW WILL THEY BE TRACKING US DOWN? THE SECOND  
6 THING ALSO --

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL FIRST OF ALL, IT PROVIDES FOR 60  
9 MINUTES.

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11 **JESUS GOMEZ:** EVERY 60 MINUTES.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WAS 30 MINUTES BEFORE. BUT NOW WHAT  
14 WE'RE SAYING IS 60 MINUTES.

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16 **JESUS GOMEZ:** YEAH, BUT BY THE TIME WE GET THERE AND START  
17 SELLING, THEY WILL BE SWITCHING US AROUND EVERY HOUR. SO IF I  
18 MOVE FROM THERE AND ANOTHER CATERING TRUCK MOVES TO THE SAME  
19 LOCATION WHERE I WAS, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE GOING TO BE? IT'S  
20 STILL GOING TO BE ANOTHER CATERING TRUCK IS GOING TO BE THERE.  
21 IT'S STILL GOING TO BE IN REGARDS TO THE RESTAURANT.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
24 AND RAMON FLORES AND JOSE GONZALEZ. AND AFTER THAT, PHILIP



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1 GREENWALD AND VICTOR ALVAREZ. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR  
2 NAME?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU-- LET ME JUST SAY, ITEM 66, WHICH  
5 I WAS HOLDING, I HAD MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED SO I WITHDRAW MY  
6 HOLD. AND MOVE. I'LL MOVE IT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY. NUMBER 66 IS MOVED BY  
9 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY MOLINA; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
10 ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ALSO RAMON  
11 FLORES, JOSE GONZALEZ, PHILIP GREENWALD AND VICTOR ALVAREZ.  
12 WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? DID YOU HEAR?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH, THEY'RE COMING UP.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE A SEAT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

17

18 **RAMON FLORES:** MY NAME IS RAMON FLORES. THIS HAS BEEN A FAMILY  
19 BUSINESS FOR YEARS. AND I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY WANT TO SHUT IT  
20 DOWN. PEOPLE, OTHER PEOPLE FROM OTHER RESTAURANTS COME AND EAT  
21 IN THE LUNCH TRUCKS BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE THE FOOD OR  
22 ANOTHER REASON BUT THEY COME AND EAT WITH US. WE DON'T HARM  
23 ANYBODY LIKE BY SELLING TACOS OR ANYTHING ELSE. WE'RE NOT  
24 DOING ANYTHING BAD. HOPEFULLY YOU DON'T PASS THIS LAW SO WE



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1 CAN STILL KEEP WORKING THE SAME WAY AS WE DO. I HAVE A  
2 QUESTION FOR MISS GLORIA MOLINA.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HER STAFF IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS  
5 OVER AT THE SIDE.

6

7 **RAMON FLORES:** THAT'S IT.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING. JOSE  
10 GONZALEZ? PHILIP GREENWALD?

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12 **PHILIP GREENWALD:** GOOD MORNING.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD JOSE SOLIS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND  
15 VICTOR ALVAREZ. PLEASE, MR. GREENWALD.

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17 **PHILIP GREENWALD:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR OR PRESIDENT OF  
18 THE BOARD. I HOLD IN MY HAND A FORM. IT'S ACTUALLY A FLYER.  
19 AND IT WAS CIRCULATED BY THE WHITTIER BOULEVARD MERCHANTS'  
20 ASSOCIATION. IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT IN YOUR MINDS AS TO THE  
21 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY MISS  
22 MOLINA, LET ME READ SOMETHING TO YOU. "STREET FOOD VENDORS,  
23 WILL THEY DESTROY THE CERTIFIED FOOD MERCHANT? ARE THEY  
24 COMPETING WITH YOUR BUSINESS? HAVE YOUR PROFITS SHRUNK? IS  
25 THERE A HEALTH OR SAFETY ISSUE? ARE THE SIDEWALKS DIRTIER



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1 BECAUSE OF THE VENDORS? WOULD IT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF  
2 THE MERCHANTS TO REMOVE THEM? REMOVE THEM. SOMEBODY QUOTED  
3 WHAT'S UP ON THAT WALL. IT'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL. "THE COUNTY IS  
4 FOUNDED ON FREE ENTERPRISE, CHERISH AND HELP PRESERVE IT."  
5 THIS LAW IS NOT INTENDED TO CHERISH AND PRESERVE COMPETITION.  
6 IT'S TO DEFEAT COMPETITION. IT'S A NAKED RESTRAINT OF TRADE,  
7 THAT'S WHAT IT IS. NOW, I'LL FINISH REALLY QUICK. THE OTHER  
8 GENTLEMAN SPOKE FOR AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES. I'D LIKE AT LEAST  
9 ANOTHER MINUTE BECAUSE I REPRESENT--

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, OKAY, I UNDERSTAND IF YOU'RE  
12 REPRESENTING A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. AN ADDITIONAL MINUTE.

13

14 **PHILIP GREENWALD:** I THANK YOU, MA'AM. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT  
15 OUT THAT VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING THAT GENTLEMAN SAID HAS TO DO  
16 WITH COMPETITION. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO DO AT ALL, WHATSOEVER,  
17 WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN THE VEHICLE  
18 CODE, SECTION 22.455 WHICH IS WELL KNOWN TO COUNTY COUNSEL,  
19 I'VE HAD LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM. 22.455 OF THE VEHICLE  
20 CODE SAYS THAT THE ONLY LEGITIMATE PURPOSE FOR A LOCAL  
21 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT TO ENACT LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO SALES  
22 FROM VEHICLES ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS IS PUBLIC SAFETY. NOT  
23 COMPETITION AND DEFEATING IT. NOT TO ENHANCE ONE BUSINESSMAN  
24 OVER ANOTHER. GOVERNMENT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO INTRUDE AND TAKE  
25 SIDES. EVERYBODY'S ENTITLED TO RUN THEIR BUSINESSES AS THEY



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1 SEE FIT, MA'AM. ALL THEY HAVE TO DO, IF THEY DON'T LIKE STORE  
2 FRONTS, IS GET A CATERING TRUCK. AND IF THEY LIKE CATERING  
3 TRUCKS, AS SOME STOREFRONT OWNERS DO, I'D LIKE TO ASK ONE  
4 QUESTION OF THE BOARD, I DON'T EXPECT TO GET AN ANSWER, BUT  
5 I'M GOING TO ASK IT, ANYWAY: WHY STRIKE 7.62.050 SUBPARAGRAPH  
6 B? IT SAYS THAT THERE'S AN EXEMPTION FOR THOSE WHO DO  
7 BUSINESS, WHO CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS FROM A FIXED LOCATION  
8 WITHIN THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY. AND MOST OF THESE  
9 PEOPLE BEHIND ME WORK OUT OF A COMMISSARY, WHICH IS A FIXED  
10 LOCATION IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT  
11 THE SUGGESTION IS TO DELETE THAT, TO DEFEAT THESE PEOPLE WHO  
12 HAVE THEIR BUSINESSES AT FIXED LOCATIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
13 TERRITORY. FINALLY AND I'LL CONCLUDE, I PROMISE, TO MAKE A  
14 MISDEMEANOR OUT OF SALES OF FOODS AND BEVERAGES IS LOW. WHY?  
15 BECAUSE IF YOU RUN THE RISK OF SELLING A MINUTE BEYOND THE 60  
16 MINUTES, YOU HAVE VIOLATED THE LAW. YOU CAN BE PLACED ON  
17 PROBATION FOR THREE YEARS. AND IF YOU COME BACK THE SECOND  
18 TIME, IT'S OFF TO JAIL. THAT'S NOT FAIR. THIS IS PARKING,  
19 AFTER ALL. THEY'RE NOT SELLING PORNOGRAPHY. THEY'RE NOT  
20 SELLING NUMBERS. THEY'RE NOT SELLING DRUGS. THEY ARE SELLING  
21 FOOD AND BEVERAGE. AND I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
22 SPEAK.

23  
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.





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1   **PHILIP GREENWALD:** MAY I WITHDRAW?

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3   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH ABSOLUTELY. VICTOR ALVAREZ, JOSE SOLIS,  
4   MARIA LOZANO. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

5

6   **VICTOR ALVAREZ:** MY NAME IS VICTOR ALVAREZ. GOOD AFTERNOON. I  
7   JUST WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS. CAN WE START BY THE HOUR?  
8   WHY CAN'T WE WORK IN THREE HOURS? WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE ONE  
9   HOUR? I DON'T KNOW WHO MADE THIS DECISION. IF YOU OWN A TACO  
10   TRUCK, IT TAKES 15 MINUTES TO OPEN THE TACO TRUCK. 15 MINUTES  
11   TO CLOSE IT AND 15 MINUTES TO DRIVE AWAY TO ANOTHER PLACE,  
12   THAT'S 45 MINUTES. HOW MUCH TIME YOU GOT LEFT? 15 MINUTES TO  
13   MAKE A SALE? YOU THINK THIS IS REALLY FAIR? WELL NOW MY SECOND  
14   STATEMENT IS GOING TO BE THIS. WE HELP YOU, BOARD OF  
15   SUPERVISORS, MY RESPECT ON THIS, I DON'T MEAN TO OFFEND  
16   ANYBODY. WE VOTED YOU. I WAS RAISED IN EAST L.A. I WAS BORN  
17   ALMOST IN EAST L.A. I VOTED FOR YOU. THIS IS THE WAY YOU'RE  
18   GOING TO PAY US BACK NOW?

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS NOTHING PERSONAL SO THAT YOU UNDERSTAND.  
21   WE ARE CLARIFYING THE LAW BECAUSE WE HAD VARIOUS COMPLAINTS,  
22   NOT ONLY FROM BUSINESSES BUT ALL OF THE RESIDENTS WITHIN THE  
23   EAST SIDE AND IN MANY OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

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1 **VICTOR ALVAREZ:** OKAY SO WHY CAN'T WE WORK OUT A SYSTEM? LET'S  
2 HAVE CONTROL OVER THE LUNCH TRUCKS. THIS PUTS SO MANY LUNCH  
3 TRUCKS--

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT NOW WE ARE EXPANDING IT FROM 30 MINUTES,  
6 WHICH IS THE LAW TODAY TO 60 MINUTES.

7

8 **VICTOR ALVAREZ:** OKAY. SO WHY CAN'T WE --

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF YOU SAY THAT'S TOO SHORT.

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12 **VICTOR ALVAREZ:** SO WHY CAN'T WE WORK OUT A SYSTEM? LET'S HAVE  
13 LIKE SO MANY LIQUOR LICENSE. LET'S HAVE A DRAWING. LET'S FIND  
14 OUT WHO WANTS TO STAY, WHO GETS TO STAY. I AGREE WITH YOU  
15 THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM. I AGREE WITH THAT. AT LEAST WORK OUT  
16 A DEAL, YOU KNOW. SOMETHING WE CAN WORK OUT ALL OF US  
17 TOGETHER. THAT'S THE ONLY THING I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALEJANDRO VARGAS.  
20 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22 **JOSE SOLIS:** JOSE SOLIS. WELL I WAS JUST-- I'M ONE OF THE  
23 OWNERS OF THE CATERING TRUCKS. I'VE BEEN OPERATING FOR A FEW  
24 YEARS. I'VE BEEN SELF-EMPLOYED. I'VE PAID MY TAXES. I HAVE A  
25 FAMILY TO RAISE LIKE MOST OF THESE PEOPLE. A LOT OF PEOPLE



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1 HAVE HOUSES AND STUFF. WE ALL HAVE TO LIVE, YOU KNOW. ONE OF  
2 THE THINGS YOU'RE SAYING IS WE'RE AFFECTING OTHER BUSINESSES.  
3 MY PARENTS OWN RESTAURANTS. THEY SELL A CERTAIN TYPE OF FOOD  
4 THAT CATERS TO A CERTAIN TYPE OF PEOPLE. CATERING TRUCKS OFFER  
5 A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SERVICE, WHICH PEOPLE LIKE TO GO OUT AND  
6 EAT AT NIGHT. YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE EXTENDING IT TO AN HOUR BUT  
7 THEN YOU'RE ENFORCING ANOTHER LAW, WHICH IS MAKING IT MORE  
8 DIFFICULT. YOU'RE GOING TO PENALIZE US FOR SOMETHING THAT HAS  
9 REALLY NO SIGNIFICANCE. WE'RE NOT MAKING-- WE'RE NOT DOING ANY  
10 ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS. WE'RE TRYING TO SUCCEED IN LIFE. IF WE  
11 WERE SELLING DRUGS OUT OF THE TRUCK, THEN GO AHEAD AND  
12 PENALIZE THEM. BUT IF WE'RE TRYING TO SUCCEED AND MAKE OUR  
13 LIFE A LITTLE BETTER BY WORKING, WHY IS IT NOW THAT YOU WILL  
14 TRY TO MAKE IT \$1,000 FINE WITH SIX MONTHS IN JAIL? TO ME,  
15 THAT'S KIND OF STRICT. SO I WOULD APPRECIATE MAYBE IF YOU GUYS  
16 COULD TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION IN YOUR HEART, YOU KNOW,  
17 MAYBE HELP US OUT A LITTLE BIT. APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. THANK  
18 YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE STATE YOUR  
21 NAME. AND JUAN TORRES WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD AS WELL AS  
22 JOSE GONZALEZ? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

23

24 **MARIA LOZANO, VIA INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS MARIA LOZANO. I JUST  
25 WANT TO KNOW HOW COME WE CAN'T SELL. WE'RE PEACEFUL. WE PAY



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1 TAXES. WE PAID EVERYTHING THAT'S REQUIRED OF US. FOR US TO BE  
2 MOVING EVERY HALF HOUR IS NOT--

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S ONE HOUR. WOULD YOU EXPLAIN TO HER  
5 IT'S 60 MINUTES? ONE HOUR.

6

7 **MARIA LOZANO, VIA INTERPRETER:** ONE HOUR IS NOT FEASIBLE  
8 BECAUSE OF THE KIND OF WORK THEY HAVE TO DO AND CLEAN UP THE  
9 TRUCK. IT'S JUST RUSHING TOO MUCH TO GET IT TO COMPLY. THE  
10 RESTAURANTS ARE COMPLAINING BECAUSE THEY SELL TACOS. BUT IT'S  
11 JUST THE SAME KIND OF BUSINESS. THEY PAY TAXES, WE PAY TAXES.  
12 WE PAY PERMITS. EVERYTHING THAT THEY PAY, WE PAY. JUST LET US  
13 WORK PEACEFUL. WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING WRONG. WE'RE DOING  
14 EVERYTHING RIGHT. JUST LET US WORK, ALL OF US THAT SELL TACOS.  
15 ANY TIME WE GET ANYTHING THAT WE'RE BILLABLE FOR, FOR PERMITS,  
16 WE PAY IT. IF WE DON'T PAY, THEY CALL THE POLICE ON US RIGHT  
17 AWAY. WE JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO WORK PEACEFULLY. WE ALL WORK,  
18 AND THE SUN IS FOR EVERYBODY. THAT'S ALL WE'RE ASKING. ALL THE  
19 PEOPLE WHO SELL TACOS, LET US WORK PEACEFULLY. THAT'S ALL I  
20 WANTED TO SAY.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME.

23

24 **ALEJANDRO VARGAS:** MY NAME IS ALEJANDRO VARGAS. FIRST OF ALL  
25 YOU'RE GETTING RID OF A BIG BUSINESS OF THE UNITED STATES,



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1 OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, DUE TO ALL THESE ORDINANCES THAT YOU  
2 PUT TO BUSINESSES. NOW YOU WANT SMALL BUSINESS OUT. LET THE  
3 COUNTRY GET OUT OF THE DEPRESSION. WE'RE IN A RECESSION, BY  
4 THE WAY, IF YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED. PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR  
5 HOUSES, NOW YOU WANT TO TAKE AWAY OUR LIVELIHOOD. WHY PUSH  
6 PEOPLE OUT OF BUSINESS? IS THERE A KICKBACK, BY THE WAY, WITH  
7 ALL THESE MONOPOLIES OF KING TACOS AROUND? WILL THIS ORDINANCE  
8 MAKE YOUR CITY MORE BEAUTIFUL? PERFECTION IS PERFECTION. IT IS  
9 PART OF AMERICAN CULTURE. WE'RE A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS AND WE  
10 PAY TAXES LIKE ALL THE REST OF THE BUSINESSES. WHY DO THE  
11 OTHER BUSINESSES IF THEY WANT TO COMPETE, THEY MIGHT AS WELL  
12 OPEN UP THEIR OWN CATERING TRUCK BECAUSE IT'S INGENIOUS, IT'S  
13 A WHOLE DIFFERENT SIDE OF A BOX. SO WE'RE AN OPTION PRETTY  
14 MUCH FOR THE CONSUMER. IF PEOPLE WANT TO COMPETE, THEY MIGHT  
15 AS WELL PUT A 99-CENT MENU JUST LIKE MCDONALD'S, THEY COMPETE.  
16 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. IT'S STILL FREE ENTERPRISE,  
17 COMPETITION. YOU'RE TRYING TO GET RID OF IT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUAN TORRES. JOSE GONZALEZ AND  
20 EUGENIO SANCHEZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22 **JUAN TORRES, VIA INTERPRETER:** MY NAME JUAN TORRES. I HAVE A  
23 CATERING TRUCK FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS. I THINK IT'S UNJUST TO  
24 ENFORCE THIS COMMON LAW BECAUSE THE POLICE ARE JUST GOING TO  
25 BE WATCHING US SO THAT WE COULD BE MOVING AROUND OR THEY WILL



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1 GIVE US TICKETS. AND IT WILL BE A TICKET FOR \$1,000 OR SIX  
2 MONTHS IN JAIL. I DO PAY MY TAXES EVERY SIX MONTHS LIKE  
3 EVERYBODY ELSE. OTHER BUSINESSES JUST DON'T MAKE THE FOOD AS  
4 GOOD AS WE DO SO THEY PREFER TO GO TO CATERING TRUCKS. THAT'S  
5 WHY WE'RE HERE TO SEE \_\_\_\_\_ SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA,  
6 SHE'S HISPANIC AND HE HAD VOTED FOR HER. I STILL WILL CONTINUE  
7 TO VOTE FOR HER BECAUSE SHE'S HISPANIC. WE WILL-- IF NOT,  
8 WE'LL HAVE TO UNITE AND SEE IF WE HAVE-- SEE A JUDGE TO YOUR  
9 CASE. THAT'S ALL.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

12

13 **EUGENIO SANCHEZ:** MY NAME IS EUGENIO SANCHEZ. AS THEY WERE  
14 SAYING ABOUT THE COMPETITION WITH THE BUSINESS, ESTABLISHED  
15 BUSINESS. ME MYSELF, I USED TO OWN A MEAT MARKET. I SOLD IT ON  
16 DECEMBER 1ST. BECAUSE WHEN I HAVE THE MEAT MARKET, I BOUGHT A  
17 CATERING TRUCK. SO I WAS DOING BOTH BUSINESSES. AND FOR ME, IT  
18 WORKED BETTER, THE CATERING TRUCK THAN THE MEAT MARKET. AND  
19 THE MEAT MARKET ALSO HAD A RESTAURANT SERVICE. AND I STILL  
20 COULDN'T DO AS MUCH BUSINESS AS I'M DOING RIGHT NOW WITH THE  
21 CATERING TRUCK. THAT'S WHY I STAYED WITH THE CATERING TRUCK  
22 AND I SOLD THE BUSINESS. SO I DON'T LIKE WHAT'S HAPPENING  
23 BECAUSE I MEAN THAT'S MY LIVELIHOOD. THAT'S HOW I'M GOING TO  
24 SUPPORT MY FAMILY. I GAVE UP THE BUSINESS. I START WITH THE  
25 CATERING TRUCK. IT'S WORKING FOR ME BETTER. AND ALSO I DON'T





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1 THINK IT'S FAIR TO-- I MEAN, YOU'RE EXTENDING FROM HALF AN  
2 HOUR TO AN HOUR. IT SEEMS TO BE A GOOD IDEA. BUT I MEAN BEFORE  
3 EVEN IT WAS ENFORCED, I HAD VISITS FROM THE SHERIFF'S STATION  
4 TRYING TO ENFORCE THE LAW AND TRYING TO MOVE US OUT. AND I  
5 DON'T THINK IT'S A CRIME TO SELL TACOS AND NOT EVEN TO SELL  
6 FOR A CHEAPER PRICE THAN THE ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES. SO WE PAY  
7 TAXES. WE SERVE GOOD FOOD. AND ALSO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE-- LIKE  
8 RIGHT WHEN I MOVED TO THE PLACE THAT I'M SELLING TACOS THERE,  
9 THE PEOPLE WERE HAPPY TO SEE US BECAUSE THEY SAY FINALLY WE  
10 HAVE SOMEONE WHO'S SELLING TACOS. AND THE PEOPLE WHO PREFERRED  
11 THE LUNCH TRUCKS, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GO TO THE  
12 ESTABLISHMENTS BECAUSE THEY LIKE THE SERVICE THAT WE PROVIDE.  
13 AND I THINK IT'S NOT FAIR TO BE JUDGED AS A MISDEMEANOR OR A  
14 FELONY FOR SELLING TACOS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. AND THANK  
15 YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JESUS MORENO, BELEN GOMEZ AND  
18 CEDRIC REYES. THE NEXT PERSON WILL BE ABEL NAVARRO. THANK YOU  
19 VERY MUCH. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

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21 **JESUS MORENO:** YES, I'M JESUS MORENO. ME AND MY WIFE, WE ARE  
22 CATHOLIC LAY MISSIONARIES. AND WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT  
23 THE WELL-BEING OF ALL PEOPLE. OWNERS OF RESTAURANTS AND OWNERS  
24 OF LUNCH TRUCKS, CATERING TRUCKS. IN THE COUNTRY OF THE U.S.A.  
25 THAT FIGHTS ALL AROUND THE WORLD DEFENDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS,



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1 IT IS STRANGE THAT HERE IN CALIFORNIA, THERE ARE PEOPLE,  
2 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES, HEAD FAMILIES THAT  
3 ARE LOSING THE MOST ELEMENTAL RIGHTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HONEST  
4 WORK. ALSO, CATERING TRUCKS PAY TAXES. BUT ALSO THEY GENERATE  
5 EMPLOYEES. THEY ALSO NEED TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES. AND NEED  
6 THEM TO HAVE SECURE. OKAY-- AN HOUR, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE YOU  
7 WORK HARD EACH DAY, THAT AN HOUR IS NOT ENOUGH TO HAVE SOME  
8 RESULTS. WE APPEAL TO YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT IN THE NAME OF JESUS  
9 CHRIST TO YOUR HEART. THESE ARE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHAMBER OF  
10 COMMERCE IS SAYING THAT RESTAURANT CHAINS ARE THE ONES THAT  
11 MADE COMMERCE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. OUR RIGHTS IN EAST LOS  
12 ANGELES ARE MADE ALSO FROM A LOT OF SMALL BUSINESSES AS  
13 CATERING TRUCKS AND THOSE WHO SUPPLY THEM, MEAT MARKETS,  
14 NAPKINS, ONIONS, CHILI, PLATES, SAWDUST, ET CETERA. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. STATE YOUR NAME,  
17 PLEASE.

18

19 **BELEN GOMEZ:** MY NAME IS BELEN GOMEZ. I THINK OUR MAIN CONCERN  
20 SHOULD BE THE ECONOMY. IF YOU TAKE THE TRUCKS, THE CATERING  
21 TRUCKS AWAY, IT WILL BE UNEMPLOYMENT. UNEMPLOYMENT. AND THE  
22 PEOPLE WITHOUT WORK, WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO GET THEIR MONEY  
23 FROM? THEY WILL SEEK WELFARE. ABOUT THE RESTAURANTS, THE  
24 RESTAURANTS' CONCERN IS ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS. THEY'RE LOSING  
25 PROFIT. THE BUSINESS IS A-- I'M SORRY. THE RESTAURANTS, IF



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1 THEY'RE LOSING MONEY, IT'S BECAUSE OF THE FOOD. PEOPLE WILL GO  
2 WHERE THE FOOD IS GOOD. IF THE RESTAURANTS HAVE THE GOOD FOOD  
3 PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO STOP GOING THERE. PEOPLE GO WHERE THE  
4 FOOD IS GOOD. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **CEDRIC REYES:** HIGH MY NAME IS CEDRIC REYES. I'M AN OWNER OF A  
9 CATERING TRUCK AND I ONLY DO IN THIS COUNTRY FOR WORK WITH ME  
10 AND MY FAMILY. I SELL ONLY FOOD. SOME RESTAURANTS HAVE BEER  
11 AND THEY HAVE TROUBLE FROM POLICE AND THE STREET FIGHTS. THE  
12 CATERING TRUCKS ARE ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE CAME TO WORK, HUNGRY,  
13 PASS, EAT TACOS AND LEAVE. I DON'T SEE WHAT EFFECT TO SELL  
14 TACOS ON THE STREET, YOU KNOW. PAY TAXES, PAY COMMISSARY,  
15 SALES TAX, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, EVERYTHING. NO DIFFERENCE. I  
16 COOPERATE IN THE CITY, FOR PAY MY MORTGAGE, TAXES ON MY HOME.  
17 IF I LOSE MY CATERING, I LOSE MY HOME, LOSE MY FAMILY, WHAT I  
18 CAN DO? GO TO WELFARE? THE STATE WILL SUPPORT ME? THERE'S NO  
19 WAY. I PAY EVERYTHING FOR LIVE, HAPPY AND COOPERATE AND THE  
20 CITY AND THE COUNTRY AND LIVE. THAT WHY I STAY HERE IN THE  
21 UNITED STATES BECAUSE I HAVE HERE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO  
22 SOMETHING IN MY LIFE, INCORPORATE TO THIS COUNTRY BRINGING UP.  
23 THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD ROSA BADAJOZ AND JUAN  
2    MARTINEZ DOMINGUEZ ALSO COME FORWARD. SIR, WOULD YOU PLEASE  
3    STATE YOUR NAME?

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5    **ABEL CARILLO NAVARRO, VIA INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS ABEL CARILLO  
6    NAVARRO. IF THEY SUGGEST THAT THEY APPROVE THAT KIND OF LAW,  
7    BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING DISCRIMINATED BECAUSE WE PAY TAXES. THE  
8    SAME PERMIT FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THIS IS CATERING IS  
9    DISCRIMINATION BUSINESS. ALL CATERERS PAY THE EMPLOYEES'  
10   COMMISSION, TAXES, AND IF YOU REALLY FIGURE IT OUT, WE MIGHT  
11   BE PAYING MORE THAN THE RESTAURANT. IT IS DANGEROUS TO RUN A  
12   CATERING TRUCK. WE WORK LONGER HOURS. I USED TO WORK IN A  
13   RESTAURANT AND I USED TO WORK LESS THEN THAN I DO NOW IN A  
14   CATERING TRUCK. I EXPECT HOPEFULLY YOU CAN UNDERSTAND. AND  
15   BALANCING OUT THIS KIND OF BUSINESS BETWEEN THE RESTAURANTS  
16   AND CATERING TRUCKS. BECAUSE WE PAY THE SIMILAR THINGS. ON MY  
17   BEHALF, I DON'T ACCEPT THIS KIND OF DISCRIMINATION. WE PAY THE  
18   SAME PERMITS, TAXES AND EMPLOYEES, SERVICES. THIS IS ALL.

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20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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22   **ROSE BADAJOZ, VIA INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS ROSA BADAJOZ. WE'RE  
23   HERE AND BEFORE ANYTHING WE'RE ASKING TO PLEASE LET US WORK.  
24   WE DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM. ALL WE WANT  
25   TO DO IS WORK. ALL OF MY COWORKERS, THEY ALL HAVE MENTIONED



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1 HOW MUCH WE HAVE TO PAY. I THINK AN HOUR NOT ENOUGH. IT  
2 DOESN'T GIVE US ENOUGH TIME TO PREPARE THE FOOD. AND CUSTOMERS  
3 LIKE OUR FOOD. WE HAVE REFRIGERATOR. WE WANT FRESH MADE FOOD.  
4 AND PEOPLE LIKE THAT. WE JUST LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK.  
5 AND GIVE OUR CHILDREN GOOD EDUCATIONS SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO  
6 THROUGH THIS IN THIS COUNTRY. PLEASE ALLOW US TO WORK AND LET  
7 US RAISE OUR CHILDREN. WE DON'T WANT TO RELY ON THE  
8 GOVERNMENT. AND THERE'S THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO DEPENDS ON  
9 THIS KIND OF BUSINESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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13 **JUAN MARTINEZ, VIA INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS JUAN MARTINEZ. I  
14 WANT TO COME IN HERE AND TALK ABOUT HOW MUCH WE WORK. I'M HERE  
15 BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN THE COUNTRY. I BELIEVE IN LAWS AND  
16 EQUALITY. I THINK WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROGRESS. I DIDN'T  
17 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET AN EDUCATION. AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
18 HAVE SOMETHING BETTER FOR MY CHILDREN. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.  
19 MAYBE YOU HAVE NOT GONE THROUGH THIS AND SUFFERED THE  
20 CONSEQUENCES OF THIS. THAT'S WHY WE'RE ASKING PLEASE  
21 UNDERSTAND THIS. SO THAT THIS LAW DOESN'T PASS. WE ARE WORKING  
22 PEOPLE, CLEAN, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS. PLEASE I ASK  
23 THAT YOU HELP US. I THINK WE HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AS EVERYBODY  
24 ELSE. THAT'S WHY WE'RE FREE IN THIS COUNTRY. AND WE'RE HERE  
25 BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THE LAW IN THIS COUNTRY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THE SPEAKERS.

3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE A MOTION?

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I MOVE THE ITEM.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION? SO

8 ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO COME FORWARD. IS

9 DR. CHERNOF HERE? WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, I WANT TO MAKE

10 VERY CLEAR THAT I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT WE HAVE TO DO

11 SOMETHING TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL OPEN AND THAT

12 IT'S REALLY ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR US TO LOOK AT ALL

13 ALTERNATIVES AND ALL POTENTIAL PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE INVOLVED. I

14 WANTED TO ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS FIRST OF THE DEPARTMENT AND

15 THEN OF COURSE I ASSUME THAT YOU CAN GIVE US SOME KIND OF

16 INFORMATION OR GIVE US SOME STATUS OR UPDATE. BUT FIRST I'D

17 LIKE TO ASK: HOW MANY NEW HOSPITALS HAVE BEEN OPENED IN LOS

18 ANGELES COUNTY IN THE LAST 10 YEARS?

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR TO THE BEST OF MY MEMORY, I CAN

21 ONLY THINK OF ONE CLOSED HOSPITAL THAT REOPENED, WHICH WOULD

22 BE THE HOSPITAL, THE CENTURY CITY--

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CENTURY CITY.

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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT HOSPITAL FACED AN ENORMOUS CHALLENGE  
2 REOPENING, AND IS IN A VERY TOUGH POSITION NOW, I THINK,  
3 TRYING TO FIND ITS WAY FINANCIALLY.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CENTURY CITY WAS SOLD-- CLOSED AND THEN IT  
6 WAS TO SOMEONE. IS THAT CORRECT?

7

8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAS THAT A NEW OWNER OR GROUP OF DOCTORS  
11 THAT OPENED IT?

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13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, I DON'T  
14 KNOW. I THINK IT'S A GROUP OF OWNERS THAT INCLUDE PHYSICIANS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I KNOW MIDWAY WAS SOLD AND A GROUP OF  
17 PHYSICIANS HAVE BEEN OPERATING THAT. BUT ARE THERE ANY  
18 EXAMPLES OF ABSOLUTELY NEW HOSPITALS THAT ARE BEING OPENED  
19 BESIDES KAISER I THINK HAS OPENED UP A FEW? SOME OF THOSE ARE  
20 CANCELED.

21

22 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE KAISER SYSTEM,  
23 SUPERVISOR, THERE HAVE BEEN SALES OF HOSPITALS WHERE THEY'VE  
24 GONE FROM ONE OWNER TO ANOTHER, OFTEN FROM ONE HEALTH SYSTEM  
25 TO ANOTHER. BUT GENERALLY THE HISTORY OF HOSPITALS IN SOUTHERN



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1 CALIFORNIA OVER THE PAST DECADE IS THAT THEY'VE CLOSED. SO IF  
2 YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF OUTRIGHT HOSPITAL CLOSURES, WE'VE  
3 SEEN TEN, A DOZEN IN THE LAST 10 YEARS WHERE THEY HAVE NOT  
4 REOPENED. AND SO REOPENING A HOSPITAL FROM A CLOSED STATE IS  
5 EXTREMELY RARE. AND FOLKS ARE NOT BUILDING NEW HOSPITALS AND  
6 OPENING THEM.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE REASON I ASK THIS IS BECAUSE SOME  
9 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REALLY VERY CONCERNED THAT IF THE HOSPITAL  
10 REOPENS, THEY WANTED TO REOPEN AT 200 BEDS OR 300 BEDS. AND I  
11 KNEW OF NO EXAMPLES OF HOSPITALS THAT WERE OPEN IN THEIR  
12 ORIGINAL SIZE. MOST OF THEM WERE SMALLER HOSPITALS. IN FACT,  
13 CENTURY CITY THE ONLY ONE I KNOW THAT WAS CLOSED AND REOPENED.  
14 MIDWAY, I'M NOT SURE IT WAS EVER ACTUALLY CLOSED.

15

16 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK THERE'S TWO KINDS OF  
17 MOVES THAT ONE CAN SEE WHEN IT COMES TO HOSPITALS. IF YOU'RE  
18 OPERATING A LARGE HOSPITAL AND YOU'RE MOVING FROM ONE BUILDING  
19 TO ANOTHER, THAT'S ONE KIND OF QUESTION. SO YOU'RE GOING FROM  
20 AN OPERATING BUILDING TO ANOTHER OPERATING BUILDING. THAT'S  
21 VERY DIFFERENT THAN OPENING A HOSPITAL FROM SCRATCH. WHEN YOU  
22 OPEN A HOSPITAL FROM SCRATCH, YOU START WITH A VERY SMALL  
23 FOOTPRINT AND YOU HAVE TO PROVE TO THE REGULATORY AGENCIES AND  
24 THE ACCREDITING AGENCIES THAT YOU CAN MEET THEIR STANDARDS.  
25 THERE IS A STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS THAT YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH.



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1 IN MANY CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU CAN'T RECEIVE PAYMENT RIGHT AWAY  
2 UNTIL YOU GO THROUGH CERTAIN STEPS. SO REGARDLESS OF WHO OPENS  
3 A HOSPITAL FROM SCRATCH, AND IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING  
4 MARTIN LUTHER KING, ANY OPERATOR IS GOING TO START IN  
5 BASICALLY THE SAME PLACE: A SMALL HOSPITAL THAT CAN MEET  
6 NATIONAL ACCREDITATION STANDARDS, THAT CAN MEET THE STATE'S  
7 LICENSURE STANDARDS. AND ONCE IT'S BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT AND  
8 PLUG INTO ALL THE NORMAL FUNDING STREAMS, WHICH ARE MEDICARE,  
9 MEDICAID, PRIVATE INSURANCE, MEET THEIR CRITERIA, THEN YOU  
10 GROW FROM THERE. BUT ALL SYSTEMS WILL START IN THE SAME PLACE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I'D LIKE TO JUST TAKE A MOMENT.  
13 THE BOARD CONSIDERED THE ORDINANCE THAT WAS BEFORE US FOR THE  
14 60 MINUTES AND IT WAS PASSED BY THE BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES THE  
15 HEARING. AND THAT ITEM HAS BEEN APPROVED. SO FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
16 WAITING, THE ACTION HAS BEEN CONCLUDED ON THAT ITEM, WHICH WAS  
17 THE ITEM 69. AND WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE SAY IT IN SPANISH  
18 [INTERPRETER SPEAKS IN SPANISH.]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE  
21 QUIETLY LEAVE THE ROOM, AS YOU'RE LEAVING. I'D LIKE TO REALLY  
22 GET WHAT YOU SEE AS THE PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT'S PLAN FOR THE  
23 EXISTING OUTPATIENT AND URGENT CARE SERVICES AT KING.

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1   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, WE CONTINUE TO WORK TO GROW  
2   THOSE URGENT CARE SERVICES. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT THE URGENT  
3   CARE, THEIR RUN RATE IS NOW ABOUT 30,000 VISITS A YEAR. WE HAD  
4   INITIALLY PROJECTED A MAXIMUM OF WHAT WE THOUGHT WOULD BE  
5   20,000 VISIT A YEAR. THAT WAS BASED ON THE KINDS OF PATIENTS  
6   THAT WERE BEING TRIAGED IN THE E.R. AND OTHER HOSPITALS'  
7   EXPERIENCES MAKING THE SIMILAR KIND OF TRANSITION FROM AN E.R.  
8   TO AN URGENT CARE. I'D REMIND THIS BOARD WE WERE ONLY SEEING  
9   ABOUT 12,000 URGENT CARE VISITS OUT OF THE MORE THAN 40,000  
10  E.R. VISITS PREVIOUSLY. SO THE FACT THAT WE'RE UP TO 30,000  
11  URGENT CARE VISITS ON A RUN RATE BASIS IS AMAZING. THAT'S A  
12  BIG STEP. WE'RE WORKING HARD TO INCREASE THE VOLUMES IN THE  
13  SPECIALTY CLINICS AND PRIMARY CARE. THOSE NUMBERS DID DIP DOWN  
14  INITIALLY AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE HOSPITAL. THAT'S NOT  
15  UNEXPECTED SINCE THE MAJORITY OF THE PATIENTS WOULD BE SEEN IN  
16  CLINICS CAME FROM INPATIENT BEDS OR THE EMERGENCY ROOM. BUT  
17  THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO REACH OUT TO THE  
18  COMMUNITY, TO RECONNECT PATIENTS FROM THE URGENT CARE SETTING.  
19  AND WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE VOLUMES GO BACK UP IN THE  
20  SPECIALTY AND PRIMARY CARE CLINICS. SO I THINK REGARDLESS OF  
21  WHAT HAPPENS, WE KNOW THAT THERE'S A LARGE PRIMARY CARE,  
22  SPECIALTY CARE AND URGENT CARE NEED IN THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES  
23  COMMUNITY. AS YOUR BOARD CONSIDERS POTENTIAL OPERATORS TO  
24  REOPEN THE HOSPITAL, PART OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE  
25  WHETHER THEY HAVE AN INTEREST IN RUNNING SOME PART OR ALL OF



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1 THE OUTPATIENT SERVICES. THAT SHOULD BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION  
2 AND PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING,  
3 HOWEVER, IS TO GET THE HOSPITAL REOPENED IN A WAY THAT MEETS  
4 NATIONAL STANDARDS AND THEN TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S AN  
5 APPROPRIATE ARRAY OF SPECIALTY SERVICES AROUND THAT HOSPITAL,  
6 REGARDLESS OF WHO OPERATES THEM.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT  
9 IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE OPERATORS? THE REASON I'M DOING THIS IS  
10 THAT, YOU KNOW, MANY PEOPLE HAVE CRITICIZED OR SAID WE NEED TO  
11 SAY TO THE PUBLIC WHAT WE'RE DOING, BUT ALSO I THINK IT'S VERY  
12 IMPORTANT TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT IF THERE'S SOMEONE WHO IS  
13 INTERESTED AND WHO HAS IDEAS, THAT THEY SHOULD COME FORWARD.  
14 AND I AM JUST VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU SEE AS THE OPTIONS  
15 FOR POSSIBLE OPERATORS, WHAT'S THE MODEL YOU SEE FOR THE  
16 HOSPITAL OPENING? AND I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO BE  
17 DISCOURAGED BY SOME OF THE THINGS WE READ IN THE PAPER, THE  
18 EXPECTATIONS OF 200-BED INITIALLY WHEN YOU OPEN IT, AND THAT  
19 IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE ALL OF THESE THINGS, THE TRAUMA  
20 CENTER, THE DAY IT OPENS. I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO BE VERY CLEAR  
21 THAT FIRST OF ALL, THERE WILL BE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY. AT  
22 THE SAME TIME, THERE WILL BE AN EDUCATION OF THE COMMUNITY AS  
23 FAR AS WHAT KIND OF STEPS IT WILL TAKE IN ORDER FOR US TO MOVE  
24 FORWARD TO OPENING THE HOSPITAL.

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1   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I THINK WE SHOULD BE CLEAR, SUPERVISOR,  
2   THAT ANY OPERATOR OF THIS HOSPITAL WILL NEED TO START IN THE  
3   EXACT SAME PLACE. I WANT TO SAY IT AGAIN. THAT MODEL MEANS A  
4   VERY GOOD BASIC HOSPITAL THAT CAN MEET ALL OF THE STATE'S  
5   LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, ALL OF THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND  
6   ALL OF THE ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS OF ORGANIZATIONS LIKE  
7   THE JOINT COMMISSION, AMONGST OTHERS. AND WE WILL NEED TO DO  
8   THAT WORK WITH-- WHOEVER OPENS THE HOSPITAL, THE WORK IS THE  
9   SAME. IT STARTS AT THE SAME PLACE. ONCE WE CAN PROVE TO ALL OF  
10  THE ACCREDITING BODIES, THE LICENSING BODIES, AND MOST  
11  IMPORTANTLY IN MY MIND TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE THAT WE'VE  
12  GOT A GOOD, QUALITY HOSPITAL DELIVERING CARE IN A WAY THAT  
13  MEETS THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS, WELL THEN I THINK THE WORLD IS  
14  OUR OYSTER. I THINK THE OPPORTUNITIES TO THEN REIMAGINE THE  
15  REMAINDER OF THE INPATIENT CLINICAL SERVICES, TO RE-VISIT HOW  
16  TO DELIVER THOSE SERVICES, TO RE-VISIT THE PAYERS FOR THOSE  
17  SERVICES, BECAUSE THE ABILITY TO DRAW INSURED AND OTHER  
18  PATIENTS TO THE HOSPITAL, ALL THOSE QUESTIONS ARE IN FRONT OF  
19  THE OPERATOR OF THE HOSPITAL. AND SO I THINK THERE IS  
20  TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY AS WE GO THROUGH THE REOPENING OF THE  
21  HOSPITAL TO THINK OUT LOUD WITH THE COMMUNITY AND OTHERS ABOUT  
22  THE RIGHT WAY TO BUILD ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND THE RIGHT ORDER  
23  THAT THOSE SERVICES SHOULD COME UP. AND TRULY WHAT ARE THE  
24  NEEDS TODAY AND TOMORROW IN THE COMMUNITY? BUT THAT WORK MUST  
25  BEGIN WITH A SMALL FOCUSED HOSPITAL, WITH A GOOD EMERGENCY





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1 ROOM THAT CAN GET OVER ALL OF THOSE INITIAL HURDLES. BECAUSE  
2 FROM THERE YOU CAN GROW YEAR OVER YEAR. YOU CAN BUILD OUT A  
3 STRONGER PRIMARY CARE PROGRAM. YOU CAN BUILD OUT A SPECIALTY  
4 PROGRAM. AGAIN, THE WORLD IS OUR OYSTER, BUT YOU GOT TO WALK  
5 BEFORE YOU RUN.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF DR. CHERNOF?  
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE DISCUSSIONS WITH PACIFIC, ARE THEY  
11 CONTINUING?

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, THE CURRENT REQUEST FOR  
14 SOLUTIONS PROCESS THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVED IS STILL OPEN.  
15 PACIFIC HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THAT THEY'VE  
16 PULLED OUT OF THE DISCUSSIONS WHILE THEY KIND OF REVISIT WHERE  
17 WE ARE IN THIS PROCESS. I THINK THAT POTENTIALLY THERE MAY BE  
18 INTEREST FROM PACIFIC AND SOME OF THE OTHER FOLKS WHO HAVE  
19 RESPONDED PREVIOUSLY. BUT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO REACH BACK  
20 OUT TO THEM TO SEE IF THAT'S TRUE. I THINK THAT THERE ARE  
21 THINGS HERE, SUPERVISOR, THAT ARE POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT FOR  
22 THE FUTURE. YOUR BOARD WORKED VERY HARD WITH MY DEPARTMENT TO  
23 PRESERVE THOSE RESIDENCY TRAINING SLOTS. WE STILL HAVE THOSE  
24 250 SLOTS. AND THOSE ARE WORTH SOMETHING. THEY'RE PART OF THE  
25 INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL OF THIS PROCESS. THEY'RE WORTH SOMETHING



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1 TO THE COMMUNITY. THEY'RE WORTH SOMETHING TO EDUCATIONAL  
2 PROVIDERS. SO THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE TO  
3 CONTINUE TO BUILD WITH VARIOUS PARTNERS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE IS STILL INVOLVEMENT?

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7 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THERE IS THE POTENTIAL.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF THERE WASN'T A POTENTIAL INVOLVEMENT,  
10 WHAT ARE YOUR ALTERNATIVES?

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12 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, IF MR. FUJIOKA, THE C.E.O., AND  
13 MYSELF REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE'VE EXHAUSTED THE VALUE OF THE  
14 CURRENT R.F.S. PROCESS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE, WE WILL NEED TO  
15 COME FORWARD WITH YOUR BOARD AND TALK ABOUT ALTERNATIVE  
16 OPTIONS, INCLUDING POTENTIALLY AT LOOKING AT A DIFFERENT WAY  
17 TO ATTRACT PRIVATE OPERATORS OR A DIFFERENT WAY TO OPERATE THE  
18 HOSPITAL.

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20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ONE THING THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT-- AND I SAW  
21 THIS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF SOME OF THE QUOTES IN THE NEWSPAPER  
22 RECENTLY-- WE NEED, AND THAT'S MYSELF AND THE DEPARTMENT, TO  
23 DO A BETTER JOB IN CLEARLY ARTICULATING WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
24 DO AT THIS HOSPITAL. AND THE MODEL OF THAT DR. CHERNOF JUST  
25 PRESENTED NEEDS TO BE LAID OUT VERY CAREFULLY, VERY CLEARLY.



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1 BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME FOLKS WHO FELT THAT OUR FIRST INITIAL  
2 STEP WAS INSUFFICIENT. NOT REALIZING THAT IT WAS JUST THAT, AN  
3 INITIAL STEP. WHAT DR. CHERNOF MENTIONED WITH RESPECT TO THE  
4 RESIDENCY POSITIONS IS HUGE BECAUSE IT ALLOWS US OVER A PERIOD  
5 OF TIME-- BECAUSE THOSE SPOTS ARE ASSIGNED TO THAT LICENSE AND  
6 THAT HOSPITAL. IT ALLOWS US OVER A PERIOD OF TIME TO RETURN TO  
7 AN ACADEMIC TEACHING MODEL AT THAT HOSPITAL. I HAPPEN TO BE A  
8 STRONG PROPONENT, I KNOW THIS BOARD IS, OF AN ACADEMIC  
9 TEACHING MODEL AT A PUBLIC HOSPITAL. SO WE HAVE THAT  
10 OPPORTUNITY. AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO IGNORE NOR WASTE THAT  
11 OPPORTUNITY. WE NEED TO-- I THINK RIGHT NOW WE HAVE THE CHANCE  
12 TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH, SIT DOWN, TALK ABOUT WHAT TYPE OF  
13 STRUCTURE WE WANT. AND THE NEXT STEPS TO ENSURE THAT WE DO  
14 OPEN THIS HOSPITAL AND WE DO IT RIGHT.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND BOTH-- I SHOULD SAY U.C.L.A., U.S.C.,  
17 LOMA LINDA ARE AWARE OF THE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

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19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NEED TO BE ENGAGED IN OUR EFFORTS, AS  
22 WELL, TO COME TO A REASONABLE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

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24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANOTHER NOTE. WHAT ARE WE DOING IF A.M.R. HAS  
2   A STRIKE IN ORDER TO COVER THOSE MEDICAL CALLS?

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4   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WE WILL-- I DON'T HAVE THE E.M.S. STAFF  
5   WITH ME HERE, BUT THEY HAVE APPROPRIATE PROTOCOLS WHERE WE  
6   WOULD WORK WITH OUR OTHER ENTITIES. IT WILL BE A VERY SERIOUS  
7   THING BECAUSE A.M.R. IS A LARGE PROVIDER. BUT THE E.M.S. WOULD  
8   IMPLEMENT ITS NORMAL EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS IN A CIRCUMSTANCE  
9   LIKE THAT.

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THAT DATE-- DO WE KNOW WHEN THAT  
12   STRIKE WOULD OCCUR?

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14   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY FIRM DATE  
15   FROM THEM.

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS IT APRIL, MAY OR JUNE?

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19   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THOUGHT I HEARD IT'S GOING TO BE THE FIRST  
20   WEEK IN MAY. THAT'S WHAT I HEARD. WE'RE TRYING TO FIRM THAT UP  
21   RIGHT NOW. WE UNDERSTAND THE AREA THEY COVER AND THE  
22   CONSEQUENCE TO THE COMMUNITY. SO THE DEPARTMENT'S E.M.S. STAFF  
23   WILL RESPOND. IF YOU LIKE, WE CAN COME BACK AND PRESENT A PLAN  
24   TO YOUR BOARD ON HOW WE WOULD ADDRESS THAT.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE HAVE A PROTOCOL IN PLACE WITHIN THE  
2   NEXT TWO WEEKS?

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4   **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES, SUPERVISOR. BUT I WANT TO SAY CLEARLY  
5   THAT A STRIKE WOULD BE A REAL CHALLENGE FOR US. BUT YES, WE  
6   HAVE VARIOUS KINDS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND OTHER PROTOCOLS AND  
7   THOSE WILL HAVE TO BE ADAPTED FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCE.

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9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT LAST POINT, CAN WE ALSO ASK THE COUNTY  
14   COUNSEL TO LOOK INTO ANY STEPS THAT WE COULD TAKE TO PREVENT  
15   SUCH AN ACTION? I DON'T KNOW IF THERE ARE GROUNDS, GROUNDS OF  
16   PUBLIC SAFETY, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE A PRIVATE COMPANY. THIS IS  
17   AN AMBULANCE COMPANY. BUT THE CONSEQUENCES COUNTY-WIDE WOULD  
18   BE SIGNIFICANT. AND WE SHOULD NOT INADVERTENTLY IGNORE THAT  
19   OPTION. WE OUGHT TO HAVE THAT OPTION BEFORE US. COULD YOU LOOK  
20   AT THAT BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT WEEK? I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
21   A CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION ON THIS, AS WELL, IS THAT CORRECT?  
22   SO I'M NOT GOING TO GO INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL. I JUST WANT TO BE  
23   MAYBE A LITTLE MORE CAUTIOUS ABOUT THIS SITUATION THAN OTHERS  
24   MIGHT BE. LET ME JUST-- I AM CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S TRANSPIRED  
25   WITH THIS COMPANY. I AM CONCERNED THAT THEY PULLED OUT IN THE



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1 WAY THEY DID. APPARENTLY WITHOUT ANY FOREWARNING TO YOU, IS  
2 THAT CORRECT? DID THEY WARN YOU AHEAD OF TIME THAT THEY WERE  
3 GOING TO PULL OUT?

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5 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WE GOT AN ABRUPT PHONE CALL, SUPERVISOR.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, AND CERTAINLY I WASN'T, AND I DON'T  
8 KNOW IF ANYBODY ELSE HERE THAT WAS INFORMED OF IT. I DON'T  
9 KNOW WHAT THE REAL REASON IS, AND I'M NOT-- IF I DID, I  
10 WOULDN'T DISCUSS THEM HERE, BUT ONE OR TWO THINGS ARE AT PLAY.  
11 EITHER THEY GOT COLD FEET, WHICH IS FAIR ENOUGH, AND THAT'S--  
12 WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT. OR THEY'RE TRYING TO USE THIS AS A  
13 NEGOTIATING PLOY, WHICH WOULD REALLY BE TROUBLESOME TO ME. I  
14 DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S ONE OR THE OTHER OR WHETHER IT'S SOME  
15 THIRD REASON, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL GOING  
16 FORWARD BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A WARM AND FUZZY FEELING ABOUT  
17 THIS SITUATION WITH THIS PARTICULAR COMPANY. SECONDLY, I THINK  
18 WE ALL KNOW THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA OUT OF OAKLAND,  
19 THE STATE-WIDE OFFICE, NOT THE UNIVERSITY-- NOT U.C.L.A. OR  
20 RIVER SIDE OR ANY OF THE PARTICULAR CAMPUSES, BUT THE  
21 UNIVERSITY HEADQUARTERS' OFFICE OUT OF OAKLAND--HAS BEEN IN A  
22 STATE OF-- IT'S BEEN KIND OF MORIBUND FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS.  
23 THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ON HIS WAY OUT. THEY HAVE BEEN ON A  
24 SEARCH, AND THEY FINALLY HAVE SELECTED A NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE  
25 UNIVERSITY. FROM EVERYTHING I'VE HEARD, THE REVIEWS ON THIS





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1 NEW PRESIDENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, HE GETS HIGH  
2 MARKS. NO DECISIONS WERE BEING MADE. I'VE HAD THIS DISCUSSION  
3 WITH BOTH OF YOU ABOUT THIS. NO DECISIONS COULD BE MADE IN THE  
4 ENVIRONMENT IN THE STATE FISCAL ENVIRONMENT AND MORE  
5 IMPORTANTLY, IN THE ENVIRONMENT, THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
6 ENVIRONMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BECAUSE NOBODY WAS  
7 IN POWER TO MAKE A DECISION. AND ESSENTIALLY THE ATTITUDE,  
8 THIS IS MY OBSERVATION BASED ON WHAT I SAW, IS LIFE'S TOO  
9 SHORT. LET THE NEXT GUY DEAL WITH IT. WE'RE CERTAINLY NOT  
10 GOING TO GET INTO THIS ISSUE. AND FRANKLY A LOT OF OTHER  
11 POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES THAT THE UNIVERSITY IS  
12 INVOLVED IN UP AND DOWN THE STATE. SO NOTHING MOVED FOR THE  
13 LAST MANY MONTHS. I THINK THE WAY YOU GET THE UNIVERSITY OF  
14 CALIFORNIA INVOLVED IS NOT TO PUT OUT AN R.F.P. OR AN R.F.I.  
15 OR AN R.F. ANYTHING. THE WAY TO DEAL WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF  
16 CALIFORNIA IS TO ENGAGE THEM AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. AND I  
17 THINK WE NEED TO REVISIT THAT ISSUE NOW AS A NEW PRESIDENT IS  
18 ABOUT TO TAKE OVER, AND ALSO ENGAGE AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL IN  
19 SACRAMENTO. WHETHER ANYTHING PANS OUT, I DON'T KNOW, NOBODY  
20 KNOWS. BUT ONE THING I DO KNOW IS, IF WE DON'T APPROACH THEM,  
21 THE OLD SAYING "WAYNE GRETSKY DID NOT MAKE 100 PERCENT OF THE  
22 SHOTS HE DIDN'T TAKE." IF WE DON'T TAKE THE SHOT, WE KNOW WHAT  
23 THE RESULT WILL BE. WE OUGHT TO TRY TO TAKE THE SHOT. I DON'T  
24 KNOW WHETHER THERE IS A MARRIAGE BETWEEN THIS COMPANY,  
25 POTENTIAL MARRIAGE IN THIS COMPANY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF



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1 CALIFORNIA. I THINK THEY'RE TWO DIFFERENT VISIONS, IN A WAY,  
2 OF WHAT KIND OF HOSPITAL IT IS AND HOW FAST IT'LL GROW AND AN  
3 ACADEMIC PIECE OF IT OF COURSE IS CRITICAL. THE UNIVERSITY'S  
4 INVOLVEMENT IS CRITICAL TO THE ACADEMIC PIECE, OBVIOUSLY. AND  
5 I JUST THINK WE NEED TO HAVE ALL OF OUR PIECES TOGETHER. WE  
6 KNOW WHAT OUR NEXT THREE OR FOUR MOVES ARE, NOT JUST ANOTHER  
7 R.F.I. OR LET'S GET BACK TO THE TABLE WITH PACIFIC. I'VE SAID  
8 PROBABLY MORE THAN I SHOULD HAVE SAID, BUT I THINK IT NEEDS TO  
9 BE-- I THINK WE ALL NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S JUST HAPPENED  
10 HERE. OR TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT JUST HAPPENED HERE. I'VE GOT  
11 AN UNEASY FEELING ABOUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED HERE AND I'M NOT  
12 THAT ANXIOUS TO GET BACK INTO A NEGOTIATION WITH SOMEBODY WHO  
13 JUST WALKED AWAY FROM A NEGOTIATION, FOR WHATEVER THEIR REASON  
14 IS. AND I NEED TO UNDERSTAND FULLY WHAT MOTIVATED THEM TO DO  
15 THIS. HOW DO WE KNOW IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN? THEY DIDN'T THINK  
16 WE WERE GOING TO RUN A 200, 300-BED HOSPITAL ON DAY ONE. THEY  
17 MET WITH ME. THEY MET WITH EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD. THEY  
18 DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE GOING TO-- THEY TOLD ME WHAT THEY WERE  
19 GOING TO DO. THEY DIDN'T ASK ME WHAT I THOUGHT THEY OUGHT TO  
20 DO. THEY TOLD ME WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO. AND IT WASN'T 200  
21 OR 300 BEDS. SO IF THE REASON IS THAT THEY READ IN THE NEWS--  
22 IF THE REASON BEING OFFERED THAT THEY READ IN THE NEWSPAPER  
23 THAT WE EXPECTED 200 OR 300-BED HOSPITAL TO OPEN UP ON DAY ONE  
24 OR THAT THE COMMUNITY EXPECTS THAT, THEY KNEW BETTER. MANY  
25 WEEKS AGO THEY KNEW BETTER. SO I TELL YOU THAT THIS THING IS



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1 NOT ALL ADDING UP, TO ME. AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE-- THERE'S  
2 ONLY ONE THING WORSE-- I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, I'M GOING TO SAY  
3 IT AGAIN. THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WORSE THAN NOT OPENING THIS  
4 HOSPITAL UP QUICKLY, IT'S OPENING IT UP QUICKLY AND CLOSING IT  
5 AGAIN. THAT WOULD BE UNTENABLE. WE'VE GOT TO DO IT RIGHT NEXT  
6 TIME BECAUSE WE WILL NOT HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE, IF WE HAVE  
7 ANOTHER CHANCE. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS CHANCE COUNT.

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9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DO BELIEVE WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE. I DO BELIEVE  
10 THE IMPORTANCE AS I CHARACTERIZED, TAKING THAT BREATH RIGHT  
11 NOW IN LAYING OUT THAT CLEAR EXPECTATION AND THE CLEAR PLAN. I  
12 ALSO BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED IS THAT THERE WAS SOME, I THINK,  
13 UNREASONABLE CRITICISM MADE BY INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF OUR  
14 STRUCTURE REGARDING THE ABILITY OF THE LAST POTENTIAL PROVIDER  
15 FOR THAT HOSPITAL TO ACTUALLY RUN A COUNTY HOSPITAL AND NOT  
16 UNDERSTANDING WHAT EXACTLY WE WERE TRYING TO ACHIEVE. AND SO  
17 WHEN I MENTIONED THAT WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF CLEARLY  
18 ARTICULATING WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE AT THE HOSPITAL, I  
19 THINK IT'S A VERY CRITICAL STEP. I ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH YOU  
20 THAT WE NEED TO TAKE THAT DEEP BREATH AND PUT A STRUCTURE IN  
21 PLACE SO THAT EVERYONE, ALL PARTIES INVOLVED WITH THIS,  
22 STARTING WITH OF COURSE THIS BOARD, OUR DEPARTMENT, THE  
23 COMMUNITY, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH COMMUNITY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT  
24 WE'RE TRYING TO DO SO THAT EXPECTATIONS ARE ACCURATE, NOT  
25 UNREASONABLE, NOT TOTALLY UNREALISTIC. WE WILL JUST LAY THAT



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1 OUT TO THE BOARD AND THEN MOVE THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO GET THIS  
2 DONE

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF THE REASON THEY HAD COLD FEET IS THEY  
5 TOOK HEAT IN THE NEWSPAPER, IF THEY TOOK HEAT, IF THIS IS  
6 PERCEIVED TO HAVE BEEN OVERLY CRITICIZED, THEN THEY AIN'T SEEN  
7 NOTHING YET. YOU HAD A FULL HEAD OF HAIR BEFORE THEY STARTED  
8 WITH YOU.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BETTER LOOKING, TOO.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT IS A CONCERN TO ME. IF THAT LITTLE  
13 ZEPHYR THAT RAN IN THE PAPER A COUPLE SATURDAYS AGO IS WHAT  
14 GAVE THEM COLD FEET, THEN THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE GANGRENE FROM  
15 THE ICE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET FROM COLD FEET FROM  
16 CRITICISM THAT WILL COME THEIR WAY, EVEN IF THEY DO 100  
17 PERCENT POSITIVE JOB. WE KNOW THAT. IT COMES WITH THE  
18 TERRITORY. AND ANYBODY WHO TAKES THIS OVER, THAT'S FRANKLY ONE  
19 OF THE REASONS NOBODY HAS APPLIED.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SURE IT IS. NO ONE WANTS TO GO THROUGH  
22 THAT.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LIFE'S TOO SHORT. AND THEY'VE GOT THEIR OWN  
25 HOSPITALS TO RUN AND THEIR OWN SYSTEMS TO RUN. BUT I THINK--



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1 ANYWAY, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BILL. IT'S JUST IF  
2 THAT'S THE REASON, IF THAT'S THE REASON, IT'S A BAD SIGN. AND  
3 IF LEVERAGE WAS THE REASON, THAT'S A BAD SIGN. IF THERE'S A  
4 THIRD REASON, THEN I'M ALL EARS. BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD ONE YET.

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY. BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU IT WASN'T LEVERAGE.  
7 THE HEAT IS ONE THING. WE ALL DEAL WITH IT. IT'S A WORLD WE  
8 ALL LIVE IN. SOME OF US ENJOY IT. BUT WHEN IT'S UNFAIR AND  
9 UNWARRANTED, THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. BUT I'LL LEAVE IT AT  
10 THAT. WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE KNOW THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IS  
13 VERY SENSITIVE, ALSO, ON THOSE ISSUES ALL RIGHT, VERY, VERY  
14 SENSITIVE. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP JOSE GONZALEZ.

15

16 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I THINK THAT SUPERVISOR BURKE AND  
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, IN THAT LAST INTERCHANGE, YOU GUYS  
18 JUST KIND OF HIT IT ON THE HEAD IN MY MIND, WHICH IS, AT THE  
19 END OF THE DAY, WE HAVE ONE OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN THIS HOSPITAL  
20 SUCCESSFUL. I THINK WE NEED TO GET IT RIGHT OUT OF THE GATES.  
21 AND WE WANT TO TAKE ENOUGH TIME AND DO APPROPRIATE DUE  
22 DILIGENCE TO GET THAT RESULT. BECAUSE THAT FIRST STEP, I WANT  
23 TO SAY IT AGAIN. THAT FIRST STEP OF OPENING THE FIRST CADRE OF  
24 BEDS IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM AND GOING THROUGH ALL THE LICENSURE  
25 AND ACCREDITATION STEPS TO TIE US BACK TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING



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1 AND ALL OF THOSE GOOD THINGS, NEED TO BE DONE RIGHT THE FIRST  
2 TIME. SO I THINK UNDERSTANDING HOW INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT THAT  
3 WORK IS, AND SUPERVISOR BURKE, TO YOUR POINT THAT THERE'S ONLY  
4 BEEN ONE HOSPITAL IN RECENT TIME THAT'S TRIED THAT IN LOS  
5 ANGELES AND IT'S REALLY HARD WORK, I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY A  
6 PRIVATE OPERATOR MIGHT FIND THIS REALLY CHALLENGING. BUT WE  
7 NEED TO WORK TOGETHER, TO FIND A SOLID PARTNER AND TAKE THAT  
8 RIGHT FIRST STEP. SO WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT BACK TO YOU.  
9 SUPERVISOR.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'VE HAD TWO PEOPLE WHO ASKED  
12 TO BE HEARD. JOSE GONZALEZ. I'LL ASK HIM TO COME FORWARD. AND  
13 COUNCILMAN BERNARD PARKS. MR. GONZALEZ?

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15 **JOSE GONZALEZ:** YES. MY NAME IS JOSE GONZALEZ. I AM THE  
16 SPOKESPERSON FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL WILLOWBROOK COALITION FOR  
17 QUALITY HEALTHCARE. IT'S AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS FORMED ABOUT  
18 SEVEN MONTHS AGO IN RESPONSE TO THE THINGS THAT WERE HAPPENING  
19 DOWN AT THE HOSPITAL. LET ME FIRST STATE THAT WE AS AN  
20 ORGANIZATION GOT ENDORSEMENTS FROM L.U.L.A.C. AND OTHER  
21 NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO TRY TO FIX IT. AND THAT WAS THEIR  
22 BIG CONCERN THAT WE HAD. AT A PREVIOUS HEARING ON THIS MATTER,  
23 I MENTIONED TO THE BOARD THAT WE WERE VERY FRUSTRATED BY THE  
24 LACK OF OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY ON THE PART OF THE  
25 DEPARTMENT WITH DEALING WITH THE COMMUNITY. SINCE THEN, WE HAD





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1 ONE MEETING IN WHICH 30 PEOPLE WERE INVITED FROM THE  
2 COMMUNITY. WE MET WITH STAFF AT THE DEPARTMENT. NEITHER DR.  
3 CHERNOF NOR MR. CORCORAN WERE THERE. WE NEVER GOT ANY FEEDBACK  
4 ON WHAT OUR INPUT WAS GOING TO BE AND WHERE WE WERE GOING TO  
5 GO. MOST RECENTLY I WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SMALL  
6 GROUP TO WORK WITH THE HAMMES GROUP TO TRY TO FACILITATE WHAT  
7 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE WITH THE PACIFIC HOSPITAL SITUATION.  
8 BUT OBVIOUSLY THAT DIDN'T WORK, EITHER. WHAT I'M PROPOSING  
9 TODAY AND WHAT I'D LIKE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER,  
10 THE ARTICLE IN THE PAPER, AS YOU SAID, RAISED SOME CONCERNS  
11 BECAUSE OF PEOPLE NOT KNOWING WHAT WAS GOING ON. BECAUSE THE  
12 PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT BEING HEARD, THEY TALKED TO THE PAPER. AND  
13 I THINK THAT THE PROCESS ON A GOING FORWARD BASIS HAS TO BE A  
14 TRANSPARENT PROCESS. IT HAS TO INCLUDE PEOPLE FROM THE  
15 COMMUNITY. AND I KNOW EVERYBODY REACTS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE  
16 COMMUNITY AS ONLY BEING PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT PREPARED OR ABLE TO  
17 TALK ABOUT THIS VERY DIFFICULT INDUSTRY CALLED HEALTHCARE.  
18 WELL THERE ARE THOSE OF US, INCLUDING MYSELF, WHO HAVE BEEN IN  
19 THE HEALTHCARE BUSINESS FOR 30 YEARS. I WAS ONE OF THE  
20 ADMINISTRATORS OF A COUNTY HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I  
21 WAS IN ORANGE COUNTY WHEN IT BECAME U.C.I. MEDICAL CENTER AND  
22 HELPED IN THE TRANSITION. I WAS ONE OF THE TEAM LEADERS. I WAS  
23 ALSO INVOLVED IN ST. FRANCIS AS A DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND  
24 DEVELOPMENT WHEN THAT HOSPITAL WAS TRANSFERRED. AND I'M  
25 SHARING THIS TO YOU ONLY BECAUSE A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, I SENT



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1 A LETTER TO TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFERING  
2 MY ASSISTANCE AS A COMMUNITY PERSON TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT  
3 WITH THE TRANSITION OF THE MEDICAL CENTER. THERE WAS NEVER A  
4 RESPONSE. THERE WAS NEVER EVEN AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT SAID "NO  
5 THANK YOU, MR. GONZALEZ, WE'RE NOT INTERESTED." THAT'S THE  
6 KIND OF ATTITUDE THAT'S BEING DEALT WITH IN THE COMMUNITY AND  
7 THAT'S WHY THE BOARD DOESN'T CURRENTLY HAVE SUPPORT ON THE  
8 PART OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PROCESS THAT WE ARE GOING  
9 THROUGH RIGHT NOW. SO THE TIMES AND THE NEWSPAPERS ARE TAKING  
10 ADVANTAGE OF THAT. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE REAL REASON WHY  
11 PACIFIC PULLED OUT. BUT THOSE OF US THAT WERE IN THIS WORKING  
12 GROUP DID FEEL THAT THERE WAS A WAY OF MAKING THE DEAL WITH  
13 PACIFIC WORK. AND THAT IS WHAT I'M ALSO ASKING FOR TODAY. OUR  
14 GROUP WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH  
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HAMMES GROUP AND TO ALSO MEET WITH THE  
16 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND PRESENT TO YOU OUR IDEA OF FORMING A  
17 NONPROFIT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE THAT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE  
18 EXPERTISE THAT EXISTS AROUND US IN DIFFERENT HOSPITALS AND  
19 ALSO PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO  
20 PARTICIPATE. I WILL GIVE YOU TWO EXAMPLES OF NONPROFIT  
21 HOSPITALS THAT HAVE TEACHING PROGRAMS THAT ARE DOING QUITE  
22 WELL. ONE OF THEM IS ST. FRANCIS AND THE OTHER ONE IS WHITE  
23 MEMORIAL. AND THEIR COMMUNITIES ARE NOT THAT QUITE DIFFERENT  
24 THAN WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. THEY HAVE DONE IT  
25 SUCCESSFULLY. I THINK DEALING WITH CORPORATE SOMETIMES BECOMES



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1 A DIFFICULT PROBLEM BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN AGENDA. BUT I  
2 THINK DEALING WITH PEOPLE THAT HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH THOSE  
3 TWO FACILITIES AND THE SUCCESS OF THOSE FACILITIES IS WHAT  
4 THIS BOARD HAS GOT TO BE WILLING TO CONSIDER. AND MY GROUP  
5 WOULD LIKE THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD AND HOPEFULLY SOME  
6 REFERRAL TO THE C.E.O. THAT WE'D LIKE TO MEET WITH HIM. THERE  
7 ARE A GROUP OF US THAT ARE IN HEALTHCARE, THAT HAVE BEEN  
8 INVOLVED IN HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS, DOCTORS THAT  
9 WANT TO SIT DOWN AND DEVELOP AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN. AND WE THINK  
10 THAT THAT CAN BE DONE. SOME OF US HAVE INFLUENCE WITH THE  
11 UNIVERSITY, SOME OF US HAVE INFLUENCE WITH OTHER HOSPITALS.  
12 SOME OF US HAVE INFLUENCE WITH THE MEDICAL PROFESSION. AND I  
13 THINK BRINGING US ALL TOGETHER IS REALLY THE ANSWER, SO IT  
14 BECOMES A COLLECTIVE EFFORT. THANK YOU.

15  
16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS YOUR GROUP?

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18 **JOSE GONZALEZ:** THE GROUP IS CALLED THE SOUTH CENTRAL  
19 WILLOWBROOK COALITION FOR QUALITY HEALTHCARE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THAT CERTAINLY IT IS VERY  
22 IMPORTANT TO HAVE INVOLVEMENT. I THINK WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS.  
23 AND TO HAVE INPUT. I DO ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN YOU GET DOWN  
24 TO A NEGOTIATION WITH SOMEONE IN TERMS OF DOLLARS, THAT THEY  
25 ARE VERY, VERY PRIVATE AND THEY HAVE TO BE DONE IN A CERTAIN



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1 METHOD. BUT IN TERMS OF-- I REALLY THINK YOU HAVE TO BE PART  
2 OF THE PROCESS AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE DEPARTMENT TO MEET  
3 WITH YOU AND TO GET YOU AND THOSE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY  
4 CONCERNED INVOLVED AND UP TO DATE. THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO  
5 SIT DOWN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. LET'S BE HONEST ABOUT THAT. BUT  
6 CERTAINLY IDEAS. AND CREATING SOLUTIONS. I THINK THAT'S WHAT  
7 WE REALLY NEED FROM THE COMMUNITY. CREATIVE SOLUTIONS,  
8 REALISTIC SOLUTIONS, THAT WOULD BRING SOME DIRECTION OF WHERE  
9 WE CAN MOVE. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **JOSE GONZALEZ:** JUST REAL QUICK, I THINK THE POINT THERE IS  
12 THAT IF THERE HAD BEEN A GROUP WORKING WITH PACIFIC HOSPITAL  
13 AND THAT GROUP UNDERSTOOD WHAT THEY WANTED TO DO AND THAT THEY  
14 WERE SUPPORTIVE OF PACIFIC OR ANY OPERATOR, THAT THAT WOULD GO  
15 A LONG WAY TO MINIMIZE THE CRITICISM, TO MINIMIZE THE CONCERN  
16 THAT THAT OPERATOR'S GOING TO HAVE, THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO  
17 HAVE THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING  
18 ABOUT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COUNCILMAN  
21 PARKS

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23 **BERNARD PARKS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. I WOULD  
24 REALLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE AND AGAIN TALK ON  
25 THIS ISSUE. AS I HAVE SPOKEN BEFORE, MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE



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1 THAT THE DISTRICT I REPRESENT PROBABLY PROVIDES MOST OR MANY  
2 OF THE PATIENTS THAT AT ONE TIME WERE GOING TO THE EMERGENCY  
3 ROOM AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. THIS DISTRICT HAS  
4 SUFFERED IN THE LAST DECADE OR SO OF HAVING LOST BROADWAY  
5 HOSPITAL AND MORNINGSIDE, WHICH BOTH OF THEM WILL BECOME A  
6 HOUSING PROJECT IN BOTH INSTANCES. WHAT I HAVE BROUGHT TODAY  
7 AND WILL SHARE WITH YOU AND THAT WE'LL GO INTO A MOTION AT  
8 CITY COUNCIL TOMORROW, AND I THINK IT SOMEWHAT SUPPORTS THE  
9 STATEMENTS OF MR. YAROSLAVSKY THIS MORNING, THAT WE HAVE TO, I  
10 BELIEVE, GO AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT TO REALLY  
11 IMPACT THIS IN ASKING FOR THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
12 HEALTH SYSTEM TO COME TO THE AID OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
13 AND SPECIFICALLY THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES AREA. WE ALL KNOW AND  
14 IT'S BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED THE AMOUNT OF STRAIN ON THIS HEALTH  
15 SYSTEM SINCE THE CLOSURE. OVER 700,000 PEOPLE ARE IN THE  
16 PATIENT CARE AREA, MANY OF THEM ARE INDIGENT AND UNINSURED. WE  
17 ALSO KNOW FROM THE PRESS THAT THE RECENT NEGOTIATION WITH THE  
18 COUNTY AND THE PACIFIC HOSPITALS IN LONG BEACH HAS BEEN BROKEN  
19 DOWN VERY RECENTLY. IN THE PAST, THE U.C. SYSTEM HAS REALLY,  
20 IN MY JUDGMENT, NOT STEPPED FORWARD AS RELATES TO THIS  
21 CHALLENGE. AND SO I'M ASKING, THROUGH THIS LETTER, THAT THE  
22 GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TAKE A MUCH STRONGER ROLE IN THIS  
23 AREA. WHEN WE LOOK AT SOME OF THE HEALTH NEEDS IN L.A.,  
24 PARTICULARLY IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES, WE DEAL WITH THE DIABETES  
25 RATE IS 45 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE REST OF THE COUNTY.



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1 HYPERTENSION IS 24 PERCENT HIGHER. H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. ARE 38  
2 PERCENT HIGHER. ASTHMA IS 11 PERCENT HIGHER. INFANT MORTALITY  
3 RATE IS 20 PERCENT HIGHER, BUT IN AFRICAN-AMERICANS, IT'S 40  
4 PERCENT. AND THESE COME FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT CENTER.  
5 MOST OF THE PEOPLE-- THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE IN MY DISTRICT IN  
6 THE SURROUNDING AREAS THAT DIE OF HEART ATTACK, HEART DISEASE,  
7 STROKES, DIABETES, LUNG CANCER AND MANY OF THE OTHER FATAL  
8 DISEASES THAN ANY OTHER PART OF THE COUNTY. THERE IS NO  
9 CURRENT SYSTEM OR LONG TERM PLAN FOR EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA  
10 SERVICES, INPATIENT SERVICES, PRIMARY CARE OR SPECIALTY  
11 SERVICES. THE COUNTY ALSO NEEDS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND  
12 STRATEGIES IN FINANCING THE L.A. COUNTY'S HEALTH SYSTEM,  
13 SPECIFICALLY AS THE NEW NEGOTIATIONS GO FORWARD WITH THE  
14 CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID AT THE FEDERAL AGENCY THAT  
15 CONTROLS OUR MEDI-CAL FUNDS. THIS NEGOTIATION HAS TO GIVE US  
16 WHAT I VIEW IS A FAIR DEAL. THE STATE'S EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATION  
17 ON THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL WAIVERS OF 2009 IS KEY TO THE  
18 COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM FINANCING. MOST OF THE NON-COUNTY FUNDS  
19 COMING TO THE COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM ARE TIED TO THIS WAIVER. I  
20 WOULD HOPE THAT WHEN THIS HOSPITAL WAIVER EXPIRES IN 2010 AND  
21 THE RENEGOTIATION, WHICH BEGINS IN 2009, THAT THIS COUNTY, THE  
22 STATE WILL GET A MUCH BETTER DEAL THAN IS FORTHCOMING IN THE  
23 RECENT PAST. AND SO I WANTED TO SHARE THE LETTER THAT THE CITY  
24 OF L.A. WILL HAVE THIS MOTION SUBMITTED TOMORROW AT ITS  
25 MEETING, IN HOPES THAT WE GET A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN SUPPORT OF





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1 MANY OF THE THINGS THAT THE COUNTY IS DOING. AND I APPRECIATE  
2 YOUR DELIBERATIVE PROCESS IN ATTEMPTING TO BRING BACK A FIRST  
3 CLASS HOSPITAL TO M.L.K. EMERGENCY ROOM.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE  
6 TO ADD TO THE C.E.O. THAT YESTERDAY BILLIE GREER DID INDICATE  
7 THAT THE GOVERNOR'S VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AND THAT PERHAPS  
8 YOU MIGHT WANT TO TOUCH BASE WITH HER. BECAUSE I THINK THAT IN  
9 TERMS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND ANY ROLE THAT THEY  
10 MIGHT BE ABLE TO HAVE RIGHT NOW, THAT THE REGENTS OBVIOUSLY  
11 HAVE A GREAT DEAL AS WELL AS OF COURSE THE UNIVERSITY'S BUDGET  
12 IS DEPENDENT ON THE STATE BUDGET COMING FORWARD. SO I DO THINK  
13 IT WILL BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO TOUCH BASE BECAUSE SHE DID  
14 EXPRESS THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** GREAT, WE'LL REACH OUT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 60.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 69-C?

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO WE NEED A MOTION FOR THAT BECAUSE IT WAS  
2   FOR A REPORT BACK, RIGHT? I WOULD MOVE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
3   SECONDS IT THAT WE HAVE THE REPORT BACK.

4

5   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

6

7   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 60. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

10

11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE-- ARNOLD SACHS ASKED TO SPEAK ON  
12   THAT ITEM. AND THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER ITEMS HE ASKED TO  
13   SPEAK ON, 39 AND 13. PERHAPS HE CAN ADDRESS ALL OF THOSE. MR.  
14   SACHS, WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

15

16   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. THAT WAS SOME  
17   DISCUSSION ON M.L.K., WHEW. THIS ITEM, I APPRECIATE THE FACT  
18   THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-- AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE  
19   THEY CAME FROM-- HAVE DECIDED THAT SOMETHING IS REDUNDANT IN  
20   THEIR GOVERNING OF OR THEIR LOOKING OVER DEPARTMENTS AND  
21   THEY'VE DECIDED THAT SOMETHING IS REDUNDANT AND THEY'RE GOING  
22   TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THAT. THE  
23   ONLY QUESTION I HAVE IS AT THE END, IT SAYS WHETHER IT WILL BE  
24   MERGED, PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE CHANGED. WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT



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1 MEAN? WILL IT BE MERGED, PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE CHANGED? WHAT  
2 THANK YOU FOR YOU WERE TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, 13 AND 39.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 13 IS --

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A MOTION,  
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? MOVED? MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
10 BY ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 13 WAS A LEASE, A MINOR LEASE, \$7,500 FOR 48  
13 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. THAT COMES TO \$90,000 A YEAR, OVER \$4  
14 MILLION TOTALLY. THAT DOESN'T SEEM SO MINOR OR TO ME. I'M  
15 INSULTED THAT YOU WOULD USE THAT TERM MINOR IN THIS AGENDA  
16 ITEM OVER THE PERIOD OF TIME, THAT'S A \$12 MILLION PAYOUT.  
17 THERE'S NOTHING MINOR ABOUT \$12 MILLION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
18 TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH; SECONDED BY  
21 YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S ON ITEM 13.  
22 ITEM 39?

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ARNOLD SACKS AGAIN. ITEM 39. THIS IS THE SECOND  
25 TIME THAT THE ITEM HAS BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD AND I BELIEVE I



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1 QUESTIONED IT THEN. THE WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE  
2 WOULD BE THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, I BELIEVE, ACCORDING TO  
3 THIS AGENDA ITEM. THE FIRST PART OF THIS OPERATION IS A  
4 CONTRACT ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS FOR 36 MONTHS. AND THEN  
5 WITH THE HAHN TROLLEY SHUTTLE SERVICE. AND THE ROSEWOOD SMART  
6 SHUTTLE SERVICE IS A CONTRACT FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD. IT  
7 DOESN'T SAY WHEN IT WILL COMMENCE. BUT I HAVE A QUESTION HERE.  
8 IF THE HAHN TROLLEY SHUTTLE SERVICE IS A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT  
9 AND THE ROSEWOOD SMART SHUTTLE SERVICE IS A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT  
10 AND YOU'RE LOOKING TO COMBINE BOTH OF THEM, THEN YOU WOULD  
11 DEFINITELY-- THEN YOU WOULD BE LOOKING AT BREAKING THE HAHN  
12 TROLLEY SHUTTLE SERVICE CONTRACT. WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO  
13 JUST MAKE THAT A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT? AND ALSO IF COUNTY-OWNED  
14 VEHICLES, FURTHER ON IN THIS AGENDA ITEM. WHAT DEPARTMENT IS  
15 THIS REFERRING TO? IS THIS METRO YOU'RE REFERRING TO?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH  
18 METRO.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THEN WHAT DEPARTMENT WOULD OWN THE VEHICLES? AND  
21 WHY WOULD THE HAHN TROLLEY SHUTTLE SERVICE GO AHEAD AND RENT  
22 OUT VEHICLES WHEN THEY WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY?  
23 WOULDN'T THE COUNTY HAVE A DIFFERENT VEHICLE TO GIVE THEM IF A  
24 VEHICLE IS OUT OF MAINTENANCE AND NOT HAVE TO SPEND \$21,000  
25 OVER THE COURSE OF THE, WHATEVER, FOR THE BUS RENTAL SERVICES?



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1 WOULDNT'T THEY JUST SAY "OKAY, WE HAVE ANOTHER VEHICLE. THE  
2 VEHICLE YOU NEED IS IN SERVICE. WE'LL GIVE YOU A DIFFERENT  
3 ONE?" DO TRANSIT AGENCIES THAT ARE CONTRACTED BY M.T.A., IF  
4 M.T.A. DOESN'T PROVIDE A BUS, DOES THE CONTRACT AGENCY GO OUT  
5 AND RENT A VEHICLE THAT THE M.T.A. CAN PROVIDE? NO. YET THEY  
6 DO IT HERE. THIS IS ANOTHER \$100,000 CONTRACT THAT JUST  
7 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR  
8 ANSWERS.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO READ IN A MOTION I DON'T HAVE ANY  
16 ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ACTUALLY SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS NOT HERE AT  
19 THIS MOMENT. SO GO AHEAD.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL READ IN A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK. AND  
22 THAT'S ALL I HAVE. I HAVE NO ADJOURNING RESOLUTIONS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** "TO PROMOTE THE GOAL OF REHABILITATION, IT  
2    IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL JUVENILES HOUSED WITHIN OUR CAMPS AND  
3    HALLS HAVE REGULAR ACCESS TO COMMUNICATION AND VISITATION WITH  
4    THEIR FAMILIES OR GUARDIANS. THIS COMMUNICATION IS A KEY  
5    PROCESS IN FAMILY REUNIFICATION, AND TELEPHONES ARE ONE METHOD  
6    OF COMMUNICATION FOR MANY OF THESE JUVENILES. OFTEN THE COST  
7    OF THE ALTERNATIVE OF USING PAY TELEPHONES IN OUR HALLS AND  
8    CAMPS BECOMES A PROHIBITIVE BURDEN ON FAMILIES AND PRECLUDES  
9    THE ABILITY OF THESE JUVENILES TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THEIR  
10   PARENTS AND LOVED ONES. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL JUVENILES  
11   HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THESE CRITICAL CONTACTS THE  
12   PROBATION DEPARTMENT SHOULD DEVELOP A POLICY OF DEVELOPING  
13   COST FREE TELEPHONE ACCESS FOR ALL JUVENILES IN OUR CUSTODY  
14   AND CARE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER  
15   FORMULATE A POLICY WHICH CLEARLY DEFINES THE RIGHTS OF  
16   JUVENILES DETAINED IN OUR FACILITIES TO SECURE COST FREE  
17   ACCESS TO AND USAGE OF TELEPHONES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE  
18   COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR FAMILIES, AND REPORT BACK TO THE  
19   BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS WITH HIS WRITTEN POLICY AND PLANS FOR  
20   POLICY IMPLEMENTATION."

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22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S A REPORT BACK.

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24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS.





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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT FOR NEXT WEEK OR THIS WEEK?

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD BE REPORT BACK FOR 30 DAYS.

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD ADD THAT THE C.E.O. WOULD BE PART OF  
6    THAT. AND IF WE COULD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE SHERIFF TO  
7    INCORPORATE THE IMPACT ON THIS POLICY INTO THEIR REPORT THAT  
8    IS DUE AT MAY 15TH'S BOARD PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION.

9

10    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM INCLUDING THE C.E.O. IN  
11    THIS, OUGHT TO BE INCLUDED. BUT ON THE SECOND ISSUE, I'D LIKE  
12    TO GET A-- WHEN IS THE REPORT DUE? IT'S ON MAY 27TH, ISN'T IT,  
13    FROM THE SHERIFF? THIS IS RELATED BUT IN A WAY IT'S UNRELATED.

14

15    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUNE 15TH BUT DISCUSSED ON THE 27TH OF MAY.

16

17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT I WOULD ASK, IF YOU WOULD, IS NOT TO  
18    INCLUDE THAT SECOND THING. WE CAN CONSIDER THOSE TWO REPORTS  
19    ON THE 27TH. WE'RE NOT GOING TO ACT ON IT BEFORE THEN.

20

21    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO BE DISCUSSED THE 15TH FOR THE 27TH.

22

23    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I DON'T WANT THE SHERIFF AND THE  
24    PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO NECESSARILY BE ENTANGLED IN THIS.



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1 THAT'S FINE. SO C.E.O. INVOLVED AND WE'LL CONSIDER IT  
2 SEPARATELY BUT TOGETHER.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE 15TH FOR DISCUSSION ON THE 27TH.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE. REPORT BACK.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** REPORT BACK.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED, AS AMENDED  
13 BY ANTONOVICH WITH THE C.E.O. BEING INVOLVED AND THE 15TH WAS  
14 THE FIRST REPORT BACK?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN THE WRITTEN REPORT IS DUE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE, THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?  
23 AND THEN I THINK THESE ITEMS THAT ARE UP, ALONG WITH KNABE'S  
24 ADJOURNMENTS. THE ITEMS THAT ARE LEFT I THINK INVOLVE YOUR  
25 DISTRICT.



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2     **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
3     LONG TIME COMMISSIONER NADIA POWERS WHO PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY,  
4     I THINK. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH DID, AS WELL. AS MANY OF YOU  
5     KNOW, NADIA WAS A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR THE PEOPLE OF  
6     DISABILITIES, FOR SENIORS PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ISSUES  
7     OF ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION. NADIA SERVED ON MANY  
8     BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
9     COMMISSION ON AGING, LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
10    DISABILITIES, THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, ACCESS SERVICES,  
11    M.T.A. ACCESS ADVISORY AND THE LOS ANGELES CITY ADVISORY  
12    COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES. SHE WAS ALSO APPOINTED TO MANY  
13    ADVISORY BOARDS BY HER ALMA MATER, U.C.L.A., WHERE SHE WAS THE  
14    FOUNDER AND THE CHAIR. U.C.L.A. LEGAL SOCIETY ON DISABILITY.  
15    SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE TO HELP START THE SENIORS ON THE MOVE  
16    WITHIN MY DISTRICT. I SPOKE WITH NADIA THE OTHER DAY. SHE TOLD  
17    ME THAT SHE WAS DYING. SHE HAD ALREADY PLANNED ALL HER  
18    FUNERAL. THEN SHE HAD HER GRANDDAUGHTER THERE. WE'RE GOING TO  
19    REALLY MISS HER AND ALL HER DEDICATION. AND I HOPE THAT A LOT  
20    OF PEOPLE CARRY ON HER GOOD WORK. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
21    HUSBAND, JAMES. THEIR FIVE CHILDREN AND SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN.  
22    SHE WAS PREDECEASED BY HER DAUGHTER DARIA. WE WANT TO EXTEND  
23    OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY, COLLEAGUES AND ALL OF  
24    HER FRIENDS.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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3    **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT'S THE ONLY ADJOURNMENT.

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5    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE IS A COUPLE OF ITEMS. THERE'S 2-D AND  
6    68 THAT INVOLVES YOUR DISTRICT.

7

8    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 68 THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING, SO IF  
9    I COULD READ THE TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE HEARING  
10    ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE DISPOSITION OF  
11    DOKHY L.L.C. OF COMMISSION-OWNED PROPERTIES LOCATED ON THE  
12    SOUTHWEST CORNER OF EAST CESAR CHAVEZ AVENUE AND MEDNIK  
13    AVENUE, IN THE MARAVILLA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA,  
14    IS NOT LESS THE FAIR REUSE VALUE THAT THAT THE SALE OF THE  
15    COMMISSION PARCELS WILL ASSIST IN THE ELIMINATION OF BLIGHT.

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17    **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A REPORT. NO?.

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19    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE IS NO STAFF REPORT ON THIS MATTER

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21    **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THERE ANYONE THAT WISHES TO ADDRESS US ON THIS  
22    ITEM?

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24    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE MOVE THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED.

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1    **SUP MOLINA:** YES, AND THAT WE APPROVE THE ITEM.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
4    THE HEARING'S CLOSED. ON THE ITEM, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED  
5    BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THAT'S ON  
6    2-D AND 68? CAN WE TAKE THEM BOTH AT THE SAME TIME?

7

8    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES, THANK YOU.

9

10    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON 2-D AND 68. ALL RIGHT. I HAVE  
11    SUPERVISOR KNABE'S ADJOURNMENTS AND THEN I HAVE MY  
12    ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN  
13    MEMORY OF DR. DAVID E. JACKSON, A LONG TIME CERRITOS RESIDENT  
14    WHO DIED MARCH 17TH AT THE AGE OF 69. HE GRADUATED FROM  
15    EXCELSIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND SERVED IN THE NAVY. DR. JACKSON  
16    GRADUATED FROM THE LOS ANGELES COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC IN 1969  
17    AND WORKED IN THE DOWNEY COMMUNITY WITH HIS CHIROPRACTIC  
18    SKILL. HE LOVED RIDING HIS MOTORCYCLE, AND GOING TO WORK. HE  
19    WAS A MEMBER OF THE DOWNEY KIWANIS FOR OVER 30 YEARS, MEMBER  
20    OF GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, AND A TALENTED MUSICIAN.  
21    HE WILL BE MISSED TREMENDOUSLY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF  
22    50 YEARS, GALE, CHILDREN JENNIFER, SARAH, SON-IN-LAW, MARK,  
23    GRANDCHILDREN, MELISSA, BROTHERS ARTHUR AND FRANK AND MANY  
24    NIECES AND NEPHEWS. AND PATRICIA CONKLE, A LONG TIME LONG  
25    BEACH RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY APRIL 8TH AT THE AGE OF 68. SHE



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1 GRADUATED FROM WILSON HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS A LOVING MOTHER AND  
2 GRANDMOTHER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FIANCE TIM, DAUGHTERS  
3 KATHY, TERRI AND LINDA, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, TYLER, KATELYN,  
4 KRISTEN, CHELSEA, CADE, EMMA AND MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND  
5 OFELIA GONZALEZ, WHO PASSED AWAY APRIL 10TH AT THE AGE OF 96.  
6 SHE WILL BE MISSED. OFELIA IS SURVIVED BY TWO DAUGHTERS, NORMA  
7 AGUIRRE, AND DOLORES BACA. SIX GRANDCHILDREN, 12 GREAT  
8 GRANDCHILDREN AND SISTER, GRACE ALBA. AND CHARLES WILLIAM  
9 TYRELL. CHARLES WILLIAM TYRELL PASSED AWAY APRIL 3RD IN  
10 BELLFLOWER AT THE AGE OF 75. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS  
11 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JUDITH,  
12 CHILDREN CYNTHIA, CHERIE GAIL, CHARLES, SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND  
13 TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. BROTHERS, RALEIGH AND FAMILY. SO  
14 ORDERED. THEN I HAVE MY ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
15 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BERNICE MALONEY, THE  
16 MOTHER OF METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY GENERAL  
17 MANAGER, WEST SIDE CENTRAL SERVICE, MARK MALONEY.

18  
19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO SET ME ON THAT..  
20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER  
22 MEMORY HER SON ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND  
23 CAROLYN HANKINS, LONG TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT AND  
24 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICE EMPLOYEE, WHO RECENTLY PASSED  
25 AWAY. SHE WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF WEST ANGELES EAST CHURCH.





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1 SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER MOTHER, MARY ARMAND,  
2 DAUGHTER, DENISE HANKINS, AND NIECE JACKIE SMITH, ALONG WITH A  
3 HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND MICHAEL OWEN PHILLIPS, LONG  
4 TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 4TH,  
5 2008, AT THE AGE OF 44. HE HAD BEEN IN A COMA FOR 15 MONTHS  
6 AFTER SUFFERING AN ANEURYSM. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY  
7 HIS MOTHER, EARLILENE PHILLIPS POWELL, FATHER CHARLES  
8 PHILLIPS, HIS SISTER O'DONNA PHILLIPS DAYTON, YMA PHILLIPS.  
9 HIS BROTHERS. SEAN PHILLIPS. HAROLD ROBINSON, GARY ROBINSON  
10 AND AND ANTONIO POWELL. HIS SON, TAUREAN PHILLIPS, HIS  
11 DAUGHTER SHANAE PHILLIPS, HIS GRANDMOTHER ZELMA MAY EDWARDS,  
12 AND HIS GRANDFATHER, CURRAN EDWARDS. AND NADIA POWER THAT WE  
13 ALREADY ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF, THAT WE CERTAINLY WILL BE  
14 MISSING. SO ORDERED. I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY OTHER ITEMS  
15 THAT WE HAVE.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR IF I COULD ASK THE C.E.O. FOR A  
18 SECOND. THIS BILL THAT'S COMING UP TOMORROW IN THE SENATE ON  
19 REDEVELOPMENT THAT I THINK YOUR OFFICE IS INTIMATELY FAMILIAR  
20 WITH, S.B.1771? DO WE HAVE A POSITION ON THAT?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S IN OUR POSITION.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS A BILL-- YEAH, WE SHOULD BE AGAINST  
25 IT. IT'S A BILL THAT WOULD EXTEND THE REDEVELOPMENT-- REMOVE



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1 THE BLIGHT REQUIREMENT AND EXTEND THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA IN  
2 THE CITY OF INDUSTRY FOR GOD KNOWS HOW LONG AND HELP THEM  
3 BUILD A FOOTBALL STADIUM AND A FEW OTHER THINGS. I JUST WANT  
4 TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY, OUR SACRAMENTO  
5 REPRESENTATIVES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO OPPOSE IT.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHICH WE BELIEVE WE DO. IT'S CONTRARY TO OUR  
8 LONG-STANDING POSITION ON MATTERS LIKE THIS. AND SO WE ARE  
9 WORKING WITH OUR OFFICES IN SACRAMENTO TO OPPOSE THIS BILL. IT  
10 WILL HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON US.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I'D LIKE TO JUST MENTION WHAT THE  
13 IMPACT IS BECAUSE THIS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THESE LITTLE  
14 FINE-TUNING BILLS. THIS IS A BILL THAT ACCORDING TO THE  
15 C.E.O.'S STAFF, WOULD PRODUCE IN EXCESS-- WOULD RESULT IN THE  
16 CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1 BILLION OF TAX INCREMENT OVER A  
17 10-YEAR PERIOD AND THAT THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND WOULD LOSE  
18 SOMEWHERE ON THE ORDER OF \$405 MILLION OVER A 10-YEAR PERIOD.  
19 IS THAT CORRECT, BILL?

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21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, THAT'S TRUE.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE LOSS TO THE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
24 WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$142 MILLION ON TOP OF THE 405. I  
25 ASSUME IT'S ON TOP OF THE 405. EITHER WAY, IT'S A--



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WOULD BE ON TOP OF THE 405. SEPARATE FROM  
3 THE GENERAL FUND. AND THEN THE FIRE DISTRICT MONEY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S ALMOST A HALF BILLION, ALMOST \$600  
6 MILLION OF LOSS AND TAX INCREMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE  
7 COUNTY OVER A 10-YEAR PERIOD. IT'S OUTRAGEOUS FOR A COMMUNITY  
8 THAT HAS NO BLIGHT.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE? PUBLIC COMMENT? MR.  
13 SACHS, ARNOLD SACHS, AND JANET THIGPEN? WOULD YOU PLEASE COME  
14 FORWARD AND ARNOLD SACHS? ARNOLD SACKS?

15

16 **JANET THIGPEN:** HI. MY NAME IS JANET THIGPEN. I TAUGHT FOR  
17 ABOUT 20 SOME YEARS IN PUBLIC SYSTEM. I AS A PERSON CANNOT  
18 ACTUALLY KNOW THAT I HAVE TO DO WHAT IS CALLED A  
19 RECONFIGURATION OF ANTHROPOLOGY. I DON'T LIKE IT. I AM THE  
20 ONLY ONE THAT WORKED IN DES PLAINES, ROBERT, 45 MILES AWAY,  
21 SAYS JOLIET. NOW HIS IDEOLOGY WAS, SINCE I DID LEAVE HIM  
22 BECAUSE HE WAS A MAN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HIM AND JOSEPH AND  
23 WHOEVER THOUGHT THAT, YOU KNOW, THE SAME SCHEME WOULD WORK,  
24 YOU KNOW. I JUST LEAVE AND LET THEM HAVE THE COMPANY FOR FREE.  
25 THAT'S QUITE INTERESTING IF I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT



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1 PSYCHOLOGY, I GUESS IT WOULD WORK. I LEFT ROBERT AND I MADE  
2 THE MONEY. WHY WOULD I LEAVE THAT COMPANY? WITH THE SAME  
3 THEORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR WHAT YOU CALL THE TRADING POST.  
4 NOW IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOOK THE TRADING POST IS ILLEGAL.  
5 IT'S UNETHICALLY ILLOGICAL AS WELL AS MANIACAL TO WOMEN.  
6 ANTHROPOLOGY. OR BETTER YET THE WOMEN OF NOW. I COULD DO A LOT  
7 OF THINGS BUT I CANNOT LET SOMEBODY DOWNGRADE, DEGRADE IN  
8 ORDER FOR THEM TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR FREE. IT'S ALWAYS CALLED  
9 A BILL OF DEED IN FRONT A LAWYER, NOTIFICATION FROM THE COURT,  
10 DOCKET TIME AND DATE THAT I AM THERE. NOT MARIE MEDILE, THE  
11 FORGER, WHO CANNOT READ PAST FIFTH GRADE. FIFTH GRADE IS FIFTH  
12 GRADE. IF SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT THAT IS LIKE PERJURY, FALSE  
13 PRETENSE AND ALLANEOUS (SIC) ALL KINDS OF CATEGORIES, SHE'LL  
14 FIGURE OUT THAT THERE'S A SIX-YEAR PENALTY FOR USING THINGS  
15 THAT ARE NOT LEGALLY HERS. I THINK IF I ADDED IT ALL UP, IT  
16 WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS IF THEY EVER INVESTIGATE AND PRESS CHARGES  
17 FOR A 38-YEAR WOMAN THAT ACTUALLY EMANCIPATED HERSELF AS A  
18 CHILD. SOMEHOW THE IDEOLOGY THAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SET UPON  
19 TO BE USED FOR FREE IS HIGHLY INTOLERABLE. I TAUGHT FOR 20  
20 YEARS. YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS. LEGAL IS LEGAL,  
21 ILLEGAL IS ILLEGAL. THINGS THAT ARE ILLEGAL CAN NEVER BE LEGAL  
22 NOT EVEN IN CONSPIRACY. IT'S STILL ILLEGAL. ROBERT WAS A MAN  
23 OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. HE DON'T CARE HOW HE GOT IT AS LONG AS  
24 HE GET IT FOR FREE.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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3    **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I'D LIKE TO THANK  
4    AGAIN THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ABILITY TO  
5    RECOGNIZE REDUNDANCY, ESPECIALLY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.  
6    BUT I'D LIKE TO ASK ABOUT REDUNDANCY IN ANOTHER DEPARTMENT AT  
7    THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, NOT ONLY OVERSEAS, BUT SITS  
8    ON. AND THAT WOULD BE THE L.A.C./M.T.A., WHICH IS THE METRO  
9    LINE. COULD YOU PLEASE ANSWER, IF YOU MAY, OR MIGHT, WHERE YOU  
10   WERE WHEN THE PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY  
11   WAS AUTHORIZED IN 1998? THE COLOR WAS CHANGED TO THE METRO  
12   GOLD LINE. AND THAT BEGAT THE PASADENA GOLD LINE, THE FOOTHILL  
13   GOLD LINE EXTENSION, THE GOLD LINE, THE LOS ANGELES GOLD LINE  
14   FOOTHILL EXTENSION, WHICH IS BEING STUDIED UNDER A CONTRACT  
15   AUTHORIZED BY METRO WITH P.B. AMERICUS, INCORPORATED TO-- IT'S  
16   A MAJOR PROJECT. DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE REDUNDANCY TO YOU?  
17   HOW THE PASADENA, THE ORIGINAL PASADENA BLUE LINE, CHANGED ITS  
18   COLOR AND BECAME FOUR OTHER CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITIES? NOW WE  
19   HAVE THE WILSHIRE CORRIDOR, THE WESTSIDE EXTENSION TRANSIT  
20   CORRIDOR, THE RED LINE EXTENSION, THE SUBWAY TO THE SEA  
21   COALITION AND THE PURPLE LINE. NOTHING REDUNDANT THERE. THE  
22   REGIONAL TRANSIT CORP SEEMED TO BE-- IS BEING PROPOSED AS A  
23   SEAMLESS TRANSITION FROM THE BLUE EXPO LINE, THE BLUE AND THE  
24   EXPO LINE TO THE GOLD LINE. THE ONLY SEAMLESS TRANSITION WOULD  
25   BE FOR THE METRO LINK USERS AS A NEW RAIL SYSTEM WOULD



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1 ELIMINATE WALKING THROUGH THE METRO STATION AND TWO LONG  
2 FLIGHTS OF STAIRS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THE PASADENA METRO  
3 BLUE LINE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN SEPTEMBER  
4 1998. FROM UNION STATION IN LOS ANGELES TO SIERRA MADRE VILLA  
5 BOULEVARD IN PASADENA AND THEN EAST TO THE CITY OF CLAREMONT.  
6 HOW DID THE METRO FOOTHILL AUTHORITY GAIN AUTHORIZATION TO GO  
7 TO-- I'M SORRY.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I THINK YOUR TIME IS  
10 EXPIRED.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DON'T THINK YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, MA'AM. I  
13 STILL HAVE 44 SECONDS

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, YES, 44.

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17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HOW DID THE METRO BLUE LINE THE FOOTHILL  
18 EXTENSION GAIN THE EXTRA DISTANCE TO GO TO MONT CLAIRE.  
19 NOTHING REDUNDANT THERE, YET, EITHER. IT'S AMAZING. MAYBE IT'S  
20 A TRANSITION FROM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO METRO BOARD  
21 WHERE YOU'RE SPENDING PUBLIC MONEY. IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE TO  
22 GET SOME ANSWERS ON THAT, BUT I DOUBT IT VERY MUCH IT WILL  
23 EVER COME ABOUT BECAUSE IT WILL NEVER BE ON THE AGENDA. BUT  
24 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR PATIENCE.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF YOU WERE ENGAGED AND REALLY WANTED TO BE A  
2    PERSON WHO WAS CONSTRUCTIVE INSTEAD OF AN IDIOT AT TIMES, YOU  
3    WOULD REALIZE THAT AT THAT SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY IS INVOLVED  
4    WITH THAT TRANSIT AUTHORITY. THAT'S A DIFFERENT TRANSIT  
5    AUTHORITY. IT'S SANDBAGGING. YOU ALSO KNOW THAT WE HAVE A  
6    REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN PLACE THAT WE ARE WORKING ON  
7    RELATIVE TO THE AIRPORT, SO THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE SAN GABRIEL  
8    VALLEY AND PARTS OF SAN BERNARDINO AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY WON'T  
9    HAVE TO GO DOWN TO L.A.X., WHICH IS ALREADY CONGESTED, JUST AS  
10   WE KNOW IN THE NORTH SIDE THEY'RE WORKING TO EXPAND AIR TRAVEL  
11   AT L.A . PALMDALE AIRPORT BECAUSE OF THAT TYPE OF CONGESTION  
12   DOWN BELOW AT L.A.X. BUT THE GOLD LINE HAS ALWAYS BEEN WORKING  
13   WITH THE CONCEPT OF GOING TO THE CLAREMONT, GOING TO THE  
14   COUNTY LINE. THE EFFORTS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WOULD BE A  
15   JOINT EFFORT. BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENT BUDGET ALLOCATION. AND  
16   THAT'S BEING STUDIED RIGHT NOW AS TO THE DIRECT ROUTE TO GO TO  
17   ONTARIO. THEY'RE EXPLORING USING THE FAIRPLEX AS A PARKING  
18   GROUND, A PARKING LOT FOR PARK AND RIDE TO THAT FACILITY. BUT  
19   THOSE TYPES OF DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN GOING ON WITH THE JOINT  
20   POWERS AUTHORITY. THEY'VE BEEN GOING ON WITH THE C.O.G. THEY  
21   HAVE BEEN GOING ON WITH THE OTHER TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS AND  
22   PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN THE  
23   ATTEMPTS OF PUTTING IN A HIGH TECH CORRIDOR WHICH WOULD CREATE  
24   THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF NEW JOBS AND HELP THIS COUNTY'S  
25   ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, ALONG WITH THOSE STATIONS THAT ARE



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1 BEING PLANNED WHERE THEY'RE PUTTING IN ADDITIONAL HOUSING AND  
2 COMMERCIAL RETAIL OUTLETS. BUT THAT DIALOGUE HAS BEEN GOING  
3 ON.

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SIR, THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T APPRECIATE  
6 BEING CALLED AN IDIOT. SECONDLY I'M READING FROM THE STATE  
7 SENATE BILL NUMBER 1847. ALL I'M ASKING FOR IS TO TELL ME OR  
8 TELL THE PUBLIC HOW THE PASADENA BLUE LINE, WHICH WAS  
9 AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE, WENT FROM THE PASADENA  
10 BLUE LINE TO THE PASADENA GOLD LINE-- EXCUSE ME PASADENA BLUE  
11 LINE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ENACTED, NUMBER ONE, TO GO FROM UNION  
12 STATION TO SIERRA MADRE VILLA. AND SIERRA MADRE VILLA TO  
13 CLAREMONT, BECAME THE PASADENA GOLD LINE, THE LOS ANGELES, THE  
14 GOLD LINE--

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ACTIONS WERE ALREADY DONE THROUGH  
17 PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEMBERS HERE WERE INVOLVED IN THAT AND  
18 DETERMINING A NAME, A COLOR FOR THE GOLD LINE JUST AS THEY  
19 WERE INVOLVED IN THE EXPO LINE WORKING TO GET A COLOR. THAT  
20 WAS ALL DONE AND APPROVED BY THE VARIOUS AGENCIES.

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22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I APPRECIATE THAT ALSO. BUT AGAIN, THE COLOR  
23 CHANGED AND THE REDUNDANCY OF THE THREE CONSTRUCTION  
24 AUTHORITIES ON TOP OF IT? YOU JUST SAID THAT YOU RECOGNIZE  
25 REDUNDANCY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I'M HAPPY TO HEAR



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1 THAT. WHY DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE REDUNDANCY IN THE METRO OR SOME  
2 OF THESE COUNTY METRO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PLEASE, ARNOLD.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WE CAN GO ON AND ON. I'M WRONG AND I'M AN IDIOT.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ETHEL JOHNSON?

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10 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD, GOOD AFTERNOON,  
11 RATHER. I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M GLAD THAT YOU DECIDED TO REOPEN  
12 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. AND RIGHT NOW I'M HERE BECAUSE  
13 I'M ASKING FOR A FAVOR. I HAVE SOME PROPERTY AND RIGHT NOW I'M  
14 DISABLED RIGHT NOW. BUT I'M IN YOUR DISTRICT, THE SECOND  
15 DISTRICT, AND ALSO THE FIFTH DISTRICT MR. ANTONOVICH. I DID GO  
16 OVERSEAS ON JANUARY 15TH, WHICH IS MARTIN LUTHER KING'S  
17 BIRTHDAY. SO I'M IN B.B.A. HEARING. BUT WHAT I WANT TO GET A  
18 QUESTION AND ANSWER THIS. HOW, I'M ON THE BOARD OF THE CITY OF  
19 LOS ANGELES 15TH DISTRICT BECAUSE I LIVED IN THE AREA SO LONG.  
20 IT'S THE LOS ANGELES CITY REDEVELOPMENT. BUT WHEN THEY SAY--  
21 WHEN THEY SAY YOU'RE HOMELESS AND YOU'RE HOMELESS IN THE AREA  
22 WHERE YOU CAN'T FIND A PLACE OR ANYTHING, WE DO HAVE SECTION  
23 8. I GO TO THE CITY AND I TALK WITH THE CITY AND I ASK THEM  
24 ABOUT THE SECTION 8. SOMEBODY PUT MY NAME DOWN HERE FOR THE  
25 COUNTY FOR SECTION 8. WHAT I'M DOING IS ASKING FOR SOME



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1 IMMEDIATE HOUSING FOR RIGHT NOW. BUT THE REST OF THE THINGS I  
2 CAN DO. I JUST CAME BACK FROM SACRAMENTO AND NOW THEY'RE  
3 SAYING THEY WANT 7 POINT BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE CORRECTIONAL  
4 DEPARTMENT. NOW I STAYED DOWN THERE IT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL, THE  
5 COUNTY HERE, THE CHILDREN WAS EVERYWHERE IN SACRAMENTO. THEY  
6 HAD A BEAUTIFUL TIME. MENTAL, AND THEY USED COUNTY. IT WAS  
7 COUNTY. OUR COUNTY. AND UNLESS WE GET OUT HERE AND HELP THESE  
8 KIDS AND HELP THE PARENTS AND HELP PEOPLE GET WHERE THEY'RE  
9 GOING, WE'RE NOT GOING NO WHERE, I'M MOVING ON. BECAUSE IF  
10 THEY DON'T, I'M LEAVING THE STATE. ALL I WANT IS THE MONEY  
11 THAT BELONGS TO ME THAT I WORKED FOR. AND THAT'S BEEN SOME 50  
12 YEARS AND I'M 60. EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL. I LOVE  
13 PEOPLE AND I LOVE TO GET OUT HERE. I MEAN I'VE BEEN TARGETED,  
14 I'VE BEEN THROWN EGGS AT AND EVERYTHING ELSE FROM MY OWN  
15 COUNTY. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I'M IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF  
16 COMPTON AND I HAD TO GET ON THOSE BAD LITTLE BOYS OVER THERE  
17 AND TELL THEM I SAY, "YOU'RE GOING TO GET A BUMPER HERE." BUT  
18 THEY KNOW ME, SEE. THEIR PARENTS DON'T KNOW ME BUT THEY KNOW  
19 ME. THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT GANGS. THOSE KIDS, IF YOU TELL THEM  
20 STRAIGHT, "HEY, ARE YOU IN SCHOOL?" WE DID IT, WHEN WE WAS  
21 COMING UP. WE HAD TRUANT OFFICERS. AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY  
22 WE CAME OUT LIKE WE DID. WE HAD TRUANT OFFICERS. IF YOU WASN'T  
23 IN SCHOOL, IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE A JOB, IF YOU WASN'T AT THE  
24 LIBRARY, THAT WAS IT. BUT I WANT TO GET THIS STRAIGHT WITH THE  
25 CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOMEONE OVER THERE WILL HELP YOU.

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4 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** NO. I'M PERMANENTLY DISABLED. I CAN'T DO  
5 ANYTHING ELSE. GOD IS WITH ME AND I'M JUST GOING TO KEEP ON  
6 GOING MOVING AND HELPING OUT BECAUSE MY SISTER AND MY FAMILY'S  
7 IN HIS DISTRICT. YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? I JUST WANT WHAT  
8 BELONGS TO ME AND THAT'S IT. LOVE YOU, OKAY?

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
13 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
14 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE  
15 WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND HAMMES  
16 COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HARBOR  
17 HOSPITAL AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK  
18 YOU.

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